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Dear Bob,

This letter is nearly a week late but things have happened faster than I can catch up.

I saw _____ She can come. She will arrive here 5/23 and go out with the group on 5/24. I stopped her medication. I don't think there will be a hardship for the family, she has only one boy to my knowledge who can stay with relatives.

I bought her ticket. Ruth Harris has it and will help her to the airport on thursday (which is their Friday, to keep you confused). I also spoke to Ezra and John. They agreed that _____ could go as escort.

_____ are also willing and maybe eager to go. _____ is here, and they have relatives to help him with the kids. I don't know that it should be necessary to offer any subsistence to any of those left behind. Bill Morrison will come down here and go back with the group.

I am also disappointed about John Steele's decision, and a little embarrassed (or is it embarassed?) since I was pushing him. I would not press him on why he changed, but believe it was family considerations. I had the feeling he would like to sit on the fence a little longer but I told him there might be no fence to sit on. I still think he would have been a good man for the position.

Bill told me you are concentrating on Kotrady and Reeves. He will fill you in on the house negotiations. (with KMR) What happened to Thompson?

I am sure the amoeba was picked up on Ebeye. _____ came on board with a diarrhea, and don't forget that _____ also was running there for a while. They made a big dent in my Kaopectate. Anyway, amoeba are endemic on Ebeye and I have never seen a decent identification, but the common clinical picture fits with Giardia, not at all with E. Histolytica.

I have told the medical people here about your finding.

I was distressed to hear about Ernie. Will send them a letter. Bill had spoken to Ceil when they went through Hono.

I shall take your problem of Kalmen's presence on Utrik to our legal officer and get advise. I will bet you even money that nobody knows a month later where TT ships have been. Much less in March -54. If they were on Utrik, what about all the people on board?

Thanks for the blood glucose data. Did you also give them to Reed?

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I look forward to the evaluation of all Reed's data.

The ISU situation is disappointing after the first euphoria. Although it is farz better than our recent miseries it is a far cry from what I consider adequate. I don't think we can do much about this year's scheduling but I am going to make an effort to change it in future years. Bill brought a revised schedule. It had our first trip scheduled for September. He promised to take it back and see if he could get us on ultimo June- beginning of July. But he has to work within the framework of money and priorities handed down from Washington and Las Vegas.

I hope he succeeds. If not, I am going to think through my whole role in this program. I have not spent two years in the wilderness to be deprived even the view into the promised land. All I get out of the LCU before I go home is to see LLL take it to Enwetok and even bring along the Boston Whaler they just sold to us. You can read from the tone of this paragraph that I ought to use red ribbon in typing it. But I feel so strongly about this that I am sure my conclusion will be the same even after I cool down. Anyway, I may be able to couch it in more diplomatic terms later on, so I shall refrain from further comments.

Dr. Swain is still on sick leave. Dr Heitman from Ponpe came in to do elective surgery. He has many thyroid operations there, and half of the nodules he removes are amignant!! He is willing to mail you the details so you can borrow the slides from Hile for your own evaluation.

He told me on his way back here that Mary (Our Mary) had a GrV Papanear but refused to come in for Biopsy. I spoke to Morie. I shall write her and he will translate the letter. If she is stubborn I have got to go down there.

came in from Ronglap as an emergency. He had fallen throwing a net and bruised his side. came along with and kids and expects me to feed him. He says he has never recovered from the fishpoisoning and diarrhea he had when we were there.

Ebeye is without doctor. Maider went back to Majuro, no replacement came, the medex went to Truk, and Dick Porter is still home sick. I have suggested to Ombey and to KMR that they voice displeasure. I have run over in the morning to make rounds and returned on the 0815 for my session with Bill Streenan. I shall move over until somebody shows up. With the whaler on Enwetok, no ferries from early morning to late afternoon and the telephone out of order this is no place to even try and act as an advisor. All I have been doing is to try and spot potential trouble and transfer the patients to Kwaj. hosp. I could use strong words about the mess on Ebeye but I have done it already and the only purpose it would serve would be to let off steam.

Let me get this in the mail. I promise to think only positive thoughts from now until the next communication. Hang in there

Yours

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