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Dear Bob -

\_\_\_\_\_ is a U. S. citizen whose wife, \_\_\_\_\_ is a Marshallese born on Lae. Their story is a little confusing, at least as to dates:

I first heard that \_\_\_\_\_ was a child on Lae at the time of Bravo. Then from \_\_\_\_\_ I heard today that she visited Rongelap in 1956. Today also, though, I saw \_\_\_\_\_ medical record from Tripler, showing her to be a "30 year old female".

In any event, \_\_\_\_\_ will undergo thyroid surgery at Tripler tomorrow. The reason that her husband sought me out is that a few years ago \_\_\_\_\_ mother underwent thyroid surgery (a thyroidectomy, I believe) at Majuro. The coincidental connection, according to \_\_\_\_\_ account and perception, is that of a family of 9, I believe, \_\_\_\_\_ and her mother were the only ones who made the Rongelap visit.

\_\_\_\_\_ has not asked for anything. He simply said to me that he thought this was something we should be interested in. I acquainted him with some of the experience and relationships which you have reported, but suggested that if he wished to pursue the matter further, my first suggestion would be that he have \_\_\_\_\_ physician in charge communicate with you. \_\_\_\_\_ will either write you, enclosing the physician's report or have the physician write you direct.

Incidentally, \_\_\_\_\_ account of the first visit to Tripler has the examining physician say something like:

"Hmm, that doesn't look so good. Where are you from?"

"Majuro"

"Oh, yes, the Marshalls. We have had quite a few of these."

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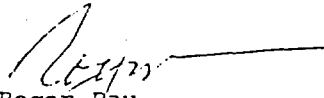
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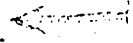
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I have no specific suggestion to make, but in view of the high visibility of this whole matter in the Marshalls I certainly think that we must be as responsive as we can. This is also one more isolated incident which suggests an interesting "What if?" agenda for October 3.

With best regards,

  
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