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CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS OF BIKINI PEOPLE

I recommend that you request BNL (Bender) to prepare a proposal
for chromosome analysis of the Bikini people.

Roderick's memo of April 24, 1975, indicates to me the consensus
is that such measurements are feasible and might yield information
on chromosome aberrations at low doses and rates having both
practical and scientific value.

Logistics, competence, and interest all seem to indicate that
BNL might be in the best position to plan and to conduct such
a program if it is initiated. Bob Conard is in a unique position
to guide planning to minimize adverse reaction on the part of the
Eniwetok people and to discourage unnecessary planning if it
appears acceptance of the program is unlikely.

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