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Dear Walter,

Thanks so much for calling back this morning about the Tabershaw meeting. I am delighted that it went the way it did. I'm sure that Tabershaw and Steve Lamb will do an outstanding job no matter what the magnitude but Dr. Tabershaw I believe has the entire concept of the study and really is looking at a major revision in the epidemiologic framework. It would be great if it could be implemented but again, the fiscal constraints are controlling. I was sorry to have mentioned the problems with the Bikinians both from the standpoint of authorization and compensation but these are very practical problems that spell the difference between success and failure for us in the field. It's a very bad feeling to stand in front of those people and to try and answer questions for which I have no authorization or guidelines. I feel like an idiot having to juggle those questions for a year now.

I am enclosing a series of addendum including an updated position paper for the BNL medical surveys listing 5 instead of 4 options, as requested by Bruce Wachholz. In addition, there is a comparative analysis of the traditional (1954-1978) Brookhaven National Laboratory Medical Program and required revisions in light of actual and projected expansion, the next paper is a logistic planning memorandum for Dr. Cronkite, listing the man days for each incremental increase in the medical examinations by island. The next is a short discussion and a graph of costs for each of these incremental increases and finally there is a discussion of bench mark dates for the program. For example, we must begin immediate exploration for procurement of a "new" ship to support the various laboratories. It would seem that requirements for this ship would be generated by a combined logistic planning meeting and that that logistic

  
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planning meeting be a spin-off from the coordinated Principal Investigators meeting to develop a concerted research plan that Bruce has been attempting to assemble all summer.

I've just discussed the previous matters with Bruce by phone in Washington (Battelle Laboratory) and will talk to him again next Tuesday. Thanks again for your continued support.

Warm regards,



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