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Dear Dr. Conard:

In answering your letter of October 7, 1969, it appears this letter and my letter dated October 6, 1969 crossed in the mail. My letter enclosed a copy of a communication from me to Bob Law proposing a policy and a procedure for support payments to the Marshallese medical patients in connection with your surveys. I believe the proposed policy and procedure could well be applied to the TT employees as well as to the patients. This would mean that the AEC would reimburse the TT for the travel and per diem of TT personnel while they are on official travel status in connection with the AEC Bio-Medical Surveys.

I believe reimbursement should be limited to travel and per diem and exclude salaries since I feel the TT itself receives some benefit from their medical personnel participating in the AEC medical surveys. On the basis that the TT personnel would be involved with the survey for about 30 days, we estimate the additional cost to the program would be about \$650 per individual (\$350 Travel and \$300 per diem).

Since we are not proceeding with construction of the Bikini Whole-Body facility, the FY 70 Bio-Med funds are sufficient to cover the travel and per diem expenses of three or four TT medical personnel on your forthcoming spring survey.

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In the event the above policy is adopted, the FY 71 budget and future budgets should be increased by about \$5,000 over the usual \$15,000 to take care of the travel and per diem expenses of both the TT medical personnel and the Marshallese patients.

If the above proposed arrangements for authorizing and reimbursing the TT for their medical personnel seem satisfactory, you may want to consider a visit to Saipan to work out the details, prior to the survey. If you would like someone from this office to accompany you, please let me know.

As to the use of the Militobi for the survey, Keith Smith, Manager of KITCO of Majuro and owner of the Militobi, advised Bill Streenan that if we can give KITCO the itinerary, with dates of the survey by January 1, 1970, they can schedule your using the Militobi so it will not conflict with the TT Inter-Island schedule. Smith will coordinate the schedule with the Distad at Majuro and reserve cabin space for the AEC team. Scheduling the Militobi in this manner will be cheaper than a direct charter basis and barring some unforeseen circumstances you will not run the risk of your trip being changed or cancelled because of other TT use.

I hope this gives you the needed information. As soon as you get the timing of the survey settled let us know and we will start arranging for the use of the Militobi and the Honolulu details.

Sincerely,

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