Mrs. Elizabeth P. Farrington
Director, Office of Territories
U.S. Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mrs. Farrington:

Enclosed is a xerox copy of a letter from Mr. William A. Bonnet,
Manager, Atomic Energy Commission Honolulu Area Office, to the
District Administrator, Marshalls.

We enclose a copy of the letter because it has some relative views
to the subject of funding and payment for the Rongelap medical sur-
veys mentioned in paragraph 2 of your letter dated September 2, 1969.

During the past years, the cost of travel and per diem for our Micro-
nesian personnel who participate in these Rongelap annual surveys
has always been borne by the Trust Territory Government. When
this was known by Congress of Micronesia, they wish the funding
be deleted claiming that AEC should absorb all these costs and
not the Trust Territory Government. Since the amount of money
involved is estimated at around $3,000 per survey, it is felt
that Atomic Energy Commission could take care of this as a part
of a symbolic gesture to the Trust Territory and the people involved.

Our proposal then which we think would meet with the wishes of
Congress of Micronesia would be that, if acceptable to the AEC,
we will continue to furnish necessary assistance to the AEC
medical survey teams and go along the procedure and understanding
mentioned in Mr. Bonnet's letter that all these survey support
costs, travel of personnel or other, incurred by the Trust Terri-
tory be reimbursed by the Atomic Energy Commission.

It would simplify matters if Dr. Robert A. Conard could visit
Saipan before the next Rongelap survey in March so we could
discuss these matters more in detail with him including ? ni
problems and the proposed dispensary requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Peter T. Coleman
Deputy High Commissioner

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