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Rongelap, Marshall Islands
Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands

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Dr. James L. Liverman,
United States
Energy Research and Development Administration
Washington D.C. 20545

Dear Dr. Liverman,

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From the people of Rongelap, it has been 21 consecutive years since you came to look after us, since we received the radiatic fallout in 1954, which you had started on the Island of Bikini.

We are so proud in every program the doctors from Brookhaven have done to us. In a way that they examine our health, which has been changed from the way it used to be. And we know and feel that we're in a hazardous life. Our great intentions to this particular team as A.E.C. We want to write to you and let you know that we don't want you to stop coming, until we feel and can see that our health is recovered as it was from the beginning, as well as our environment or surroundings. We give thanks to those well-known doctors from Brookhaven, due to their skills in doing what they are and as well as using all the instruments, which they been using while they examine us.

All their kinds of work are very good and complete when they treat us, however there certain things we did not satisfy with;

- 1) Mistreating of the patients, who had gone and will be going to mainland U.S. and state of Hawaii for hospitalisation.
 - A) We need one interpreter, which should stick to them until the patients come back.
 - B) They should have some sort of compensation, like per diem, before their departing time to U.S. or Hawaii from Kwaj.
 - C) Pass-board should be done three days prior to the day they depart Marshall Islands.
- 2) It should not only be the thyroid, their concern, but also any kind of sickness they do find within our bodies.
 - a) If they do find someone who should have some kind of surgery the A.E.C. team should take him or her to any hospitals they know of, but not let the T.M. Government take care of.
 - b) Also supply other medicines for these diseases.

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- 3) We're requesting another group of well-known scientists to come and investigate the radio active in the soil, in the sea, as well as our atmosphere.
 - A) These scientists should come from different parts of the world and not those who came before.
 - B) They should bring with them their best, and powerful instruments which will tell the truth about the radiation within these human beings, as well as their surroundings.

Note- We request this because we don't know who to believe concerning this matter. The Japanese recently said we had to leave the island because the radiation levels were increasing and we'd all get Lukemia. Then the A.E.C. team explained to us that the levels of radiation are less than New York's. We don't understand why there is so much disagreement!

- 4) We're begging you for these skillful doctors to be certain in examining us with their best abilities, as well as knowledge so no one will lose his life. As it occurred with some of our friends and relatives. They died of cancer those years after the A.E.C. wanted to examine us.
- 5) We're asking you to make an arrangement with Kwajalein Hospital Director, that both Rongelap and Uterik Health Aids can order their Medical Supplies from Kwaj. Hospital, when he permits.
- 6) Would you provide a program that will educate both Rongelap Health aid and Uterik's in using different sorts of medicines.
- 7) We're asking to give us three meals a day each time the A.E.C. doctors visit us, and on the day we are called for physical examinations.
 - A) Since 200lbs. rice and 60 lbs. sugar is not enough within three days.
 - B) They do not provide flour, meat, and also vegetables.

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- 8) We're asking, why Dr. Conrad is not happy to answer our questions! For example;
- A) Council members asked him to come to a meeting one time but he did not come.
 - B) Patients did need somethings to take with them to Kwaj. and Hono. but they didn't get.
 - C) And also he sees that we need some kind of medicine but he doesn't give us. (Immunizations, ETC.)
- 9) We need very much one who will happy to answer our questions and will cooperate with us.

Thank you in helping us in our hardships. We are waiting for your good and complete answers.

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c.c. Dr. Kotrady ✓
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c.c. Fred Zaida