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Dear Hugh:

YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 1, 1978

Having the benefit of your thoughts on the feasibility of carrying a helicopter aboard Likatanur II was much appreciated. I concur with your recommendations and have already acted upon them. Should future DOE program needs dictate the need for a helicopter we will again review the matter. However, for now it is in abeyance.

As to the long range medical program, we are keenly interested to know its ultimate scope and direction. You, I'm sure, will be interested to know that DOE plans to keep the Mid-Pacific Marine Laboratory on Enewetak operating on a full time, stand alone, basis after the Cleanup and Rehabilitation work is finished (April 1980). Present planning is that the runway will remain. Given these factors we envision a good basic arrangement for both the medical and environmental work that surely must continue at that atoll for many years to come. As you said in your letter, a huge factor in our mutual planning for the future will be final decisions on Bikini and Enewetak resettlements. Logistical support requirements may reasonably be assumed to be a by-product of those decisions.

I'd like to turn now to the DOE Research Vessel Likatanur II and its use in support of our Pacific programs. Particularly I want to touch on the relationships between DOE organizations and U. S. Oceanography, another subject which obviously causes you some concern. PASO will assign a senior staff member (Harry Brown) to embark on the January voyage of Likatanur II as DOE Representative. We will make every effort to insure that this first voyage with U. S. Oceanography is successful and to that end, Harry will assume administrative responsibility for the voyage. The BNL Party Chief will of course have complete control of the medical program. The DOE representative will interface with U. S. Oceanography to insure that all necessary support is provided in support of the medical program. Depending on many factors involved in this mission, DOE may designate a representative to be aboard future voyages. Mr. Brown's assignment to this initial trip on Likatanur II has been coordinated and concurred in by Mr. Gates, and Mr. Ray in Nevada, and through Mr. Ray with Dr. Weyzen.

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Mutual responsibilities and authorities will be clearly defined within the general framework outlined above and in consonance with our sub-contract with U. S. Oceanography. The details will be discussed with you and Mr. Otterman both here in Honolulu prior to your trip to Majuro, and on Kwajalein. In spite of some of the problems that have arisen during a difficult and hectic pre-contract period, I am optimistic that Otterman will work with us and be an asset to DOE efforts in the Marshalls. It is my job to develop the necessary structure and guidelines to see that that occurs.

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I very much look forward to discussions with you and Mr. Otterman as your schedule permits when you get to Honolulu. All of us share your interest, enthusiasm and initiatives in the continuation and success of BNL's work for the DOE in the Marshalls.

Best regards, and a
Happy Holiday to you all,

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