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PRNC SAMPLING PROGRAM AT BIKINI ATOLL

As a followup to the PRNC oceanographic survey in the Marshall Islands in the fall of 1972, the Puerto Rico Nuclear Center plans to conduct an additional sampling program, both ashore and afloat, in the vicinity of Bikini Atoll during the approximate period October 18 through November 8, 1974. A copy of a letter dated July 1, 1974, from Dr. Frank G. Lowman, PRNC, concerning these plans is enclosed. The four PRNC staff members scheduled to conduct the sampling program also participated in the 1972 survey. Dr. Frank G. Lowman has an active "Q" clearance. Dr. Seppo Kolehmainen is a Finnish National, and Messrs. Jose Angel Rivera Colon and Michael Eugene Lowman held "L" clearances during the 1972 survey. The PRNC group plans to fly to Kwajalein on or about October 14, and from there proceed to Bikini Atoll where they will join the oceanographic vessel, the LSU-8. The return trip will, presumably, be via Kwajalein.

The sampling program is part of the Headquarters (Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research) approved program at PRNC. Present PRNC plans provide for sampling only in the vicinity of Bikini Atoll. However, advice from DBER (Dr. W. O. Forster) indicates the LSU-8 may be scheduled for runs in the vicinities of Eniwetok, Rongelap, and Utirik Atolls during the time interval concerned.

Your assistance in making arrangements to meet any security requirements to accomplish this programmatic work will be appreciated.

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