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Dear Bill,

The people in DBER have requested that the planning conference at Eniwetok be delayed until the end of January. The attached revised schedule and agenda supercedes the one sent to you several weeks ago. Bill Streenan indicated he would make the necessary changes in MAC reservations. I had to cancel the reservations on Air Micronesia and therefore made alternate reservations, assuming that the KMR charter will be available. I got a very positive response from both Forster and Osterberg regarding a visit to Bikini; they both feel as though the AEC is far from being finished with the cleanup of that atoll.

Attached is the latest projection of our requirements for the winter period as requested by DNA. I hope there will not be any more changes. Please don't confuse me with R. C. Helfrich who is a student at the University of California and in Nolan's party. It is difficult to estimate what our requirements will be for the rest of this fiscal year because this is what we will be getting together to plan. For a best guess, let's say 8 people for the month of June, 1974.

Philip Helfrich Director, EMEL

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### Proposed Itinerary and Agenda

#### Site Reconnaissance and Planning Conference Team

#### Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory

#### Participants:

Philip Helfrich, Director, Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory Robert W. Hiatt, President, University of Alaska and former Director, EMBL Dr. Charles Osterberg, Asst. Director for Environmental Sciences, Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research, AEC, Washington, D.C.

Dr. William Forster, DBER, AEC, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Roger Ray, Asst. Manager for Operations, Nevada Operations Office, AEC

Dr. Nathaniel Barr, DBER, AEC, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Glen Fredholm, Marine Facilities Planner

Mr. William Coops, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

(Date and Local Time - Please note that even though the Marshall Islands lie on the west side of the International date line, Kwajalein and Eniwetok retain the same day as Hawaii, while Majuro does not.)

- 30 January 0800 Depart Honolulu Saturn MAC Charter DC-8 (check-in time 0530 Hickam MAC Terminal)
- 30 January 1300 Arrive Eniwetok. Briefing on present AEC, DNA, and Air Force programs. Tour of EMBL facilities.
- 31 January 0800 1700 Tour of NE portion of atoll to include Mike, Cactus and LaCrosse Craters and selected marine biotypes.

Evening - Discussion of the AEC's goals and objectives in support of the research facility on Eniwetok.

- 1 February 0800 1200 Discussion of future organization and operational policies of EMBL and of research programs of interest to the AEC.
  - 1300 1700 Tour of selected terrestrial and marine areas among the SE islets of the atoll. Discussion of the possible establishment of preserves and long range monitoring programs.
- 2 February 0800 1200 Discussion on laboratory facilities to support proposed research programs. Alternatives involving use of existing structures or new construction.
  - 1300 1700 Discussion of laboratory operation to include research and operational policies, screening of research

proposals, role of the advisory committee, support activities, interaction with the Marshallese and other entities, nature of contact with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, use of the research vessel, and related matters.

## 3 February-(0800 - 1200

1300 - 1700) - Further discussion of above matters; drafting of a revised proposal for the operation of the laboratory and an announcement of the new policies and mode of operation. Drafting of preliminary plans and specifications for renovation and/or construction of the new laboratory facilities in sufficient detail to allow rough cost estimates to be made.

#### ALTERNATE A

Two alternatives are presented which are dependent upon the acquisition of a KMR Charter DC-4 from Kwajalein and the desire of the AEC participants to visit Bikini.

- 4-5 February- Continue conferences as necessary to complete plans for future operation of EMBL.
- 6 February- 1300 Depart Eniwetok Saturn MAC Charter DC-8.
- 6 February- 1400 Arrive Kwajalein. Those in the party with time constraints may remain on the MAC Charter flight to arrive in Honolulu at approximately 2200.
- 6 February- 1610 Depart Kwajalein Air Micronesia.
- 7 February- 1645 Arrive Majuro.
- 8 February- Briefing and discussions with representatives of the Eniwetok people, the Marshall Islands District Government, the Congress of Micronesia, and the Trust Territory of Pacific Islands on future plans for EMBL.
- 9 February- 1725 Depart Majuro Air Micronesia.
- 9 February- 0030 Arrive Honolulu.

#### ALTERNATE B

4 February- 0900 - Depart Eniwetok in KMR Charter DC-4 for Kwajalein with an optional stop at Bikini.

- 4 February 1610 Depart Kwajalein Air Micronesia.
- 5 February 1645 Arrive Majuro.
- 6 February Briefing as in Plan A.
- 7 February 1725 Depart Majuro.
- 7 February 0030 Arrive Honolulu.

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