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Senator Olympio T. Borja Chairman, Special Joint Committee Concerning Rongelap & Utirik Atolls Congress of Micronesia Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Senator Borja:

Thank you for your letter of October 4, 1972. I was glad we were able to successfully complete the medical examinations of the Rongelap and Utirik people. I am sorry you were not able to be with us. Please extend to Vice-Chairman Wiliander and other members of the Committee that were with us our appreciation for their efforts in helping make for a successful survey. I am also most grateful for the help of the distinguished physicians of the medical observing group who participated actively in the medical examinations and contributed a great deal to the success of the survey.

I am enclosing a copy of my answer to Mr. Farley's letter summarizing in a preliminary way results of the examinations. I am most regretful about the leukemia case and can only assure you that everything possible is being done for him.

With regard to your return visit to Rongelap and Utirik, I would like very much to send along a brief statement to the peoples of these two islands concerning the results of our examinations in September. I will have the statement translated into Marshallese and will send you both versions prior to your departure. Please let me know when you expect to leave.

If I can be of any further help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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