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AEC MEDICAL SURVEYS OF EXPOSED RONGELAPESE

Dear Dr. Conard:

In connection with your discussions with Bill Streenan relative to your medical surveys in the Marshall Islands, Streenan obtained the following information during his recent trip to Honolulu.

- a. According to Bob Law, the Lagoon Aviations' twin-engine airplane will be in operation about the middle of September. Arrangements can be made for you to go to Jaluit to examine the girl, if you make your trip in October. Bob also stated transportation arrangements within the Marshall Islands should be made directly with Oscar DeBrum. Of course, Bob will continue to assist you whenever necessary. Incidentally, Oscar has received his appointment as DISTAD Marshall Islands and is no longer in the acting capacity.
- b. To avoid an expensive charter of the LCU ship to send the heavy pieces of equipment (the distillation unit and the tractor which are now on Kwajalein) to Rongelap, it is suggested that we make arrangements with the Trust Territory to load these units on the LCU when it goes to Bikini and the LCU can then swing over and drop them off at Rongelap. We can time this operation so that the units will not be on Rongelap too long before your party arrives. Also, it is understood that because of commitments by TT to support an Army work force and also to support construction of housing on Bikini by private contractor that a direct charter of the LCU may be uncertain around February-March 1971.
- c. On your possible trip to Saipan in October at the conclusion of your medical meeting in San Francisco, the following travel schedules are suggested.

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- (1) Leave San Francisco, Saturday, 10/17, 6:15 p.m., UAL 187  
Arrive Honolulu, 8:20 p.m.  
Leave Honolulu, Sunday, 10/18, 7:45 a.m., Air Micronesia 665  
Arrive Saipan, Monday, 10/19, 4:30 p.m.  
Leave Saipan, Wednesday, 10/21, 8:00 a.m., Air Micronesia 664  
Arrive Majuro, 5:25 p.m.  
Leave Majuro, Monday, 10/26, 11:20 a.m., Air Micronesia 665  
Arrive Kwajalein, Sunday, 10/25, 12:03 p.m.  
Leave Kwajalein, Tuesday, 10/27, 8:00 a.m., MAC 0534  
Arrive Honolulu, 3:30 p.m.
- (2) Leave San Francisco, Saturday, 10/17, 6:15 p.m., UAL 187  
Arrive Honolulu, 8:20 p.m.  
Leave Honolulu, Sunday, 10/18, 7:45 a.m., Air Micronesia 665  
Arrive Majuro, Monday, 10/19, 10:50 a.m.  
Leave Majuro, Wednesday, 10/21, 11:20 a.m., Air Micronesia 667  
Arrive Saipan, 4:30 p.m.  
Leave Saipan, Saturday, 10/24, 8:00 a.m., Air Micronesia 666  
Arrive Kwajalein, Friday, 10/23, 4:10 p.m.  
Leave Kwajalein, Friday, 10/23, 4:30 p.m., Air Micronesia 666  
Arrive Honolulu, Saturday, 10/24, 1:00 a.m.

Please note that schedule (2) gives you only 30 minutes in Kwajalein instead of the 2½ days, and two days in Majuro rather than four days allowed by schedule (1). Knowing the way the Trust Territory

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operates and if you can spare the time, schedule (1) appears to be the better schedule. For the trip from Honolulu to Micronesia and return to Honolulu, Holmes and Narver, Inc., through our AEC Honolulu office, will make travel arrangements and obtain plane tickets for Honolulu to Saipan and return. Costs for this portion of the trip will be charged against the funds allotted for the Bio-Med program.

- d. We obtained 300 feet of 1½" plastic pipe from excess on Johnston Island which was shipped August 25 to Kwajalein for use on the distillation unit. Frank Granich was advised.

In connection with your Medical Surveys in the Pacific, rest assured that Nevada Operations Office in Las Vegas and our Pacific Area Support Office in Honolulu will continue to support your program in the same manner as in the past.

Knowing that it is much easier and more economical to make contact with Las Vegas rather than Honolulu via FTS telephone, please feel free to call either me or Bill Streenan to assist in coordinating your activities with Bill Hills in Honolulu.

If you have the occasion to stop in Las Vegas, I would welcome your visiting the office and the opportunity to get acquainted with you and your program.

Very truly yours,

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cc: W. B. Hills, Pac. Area Office ←



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