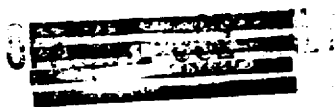


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March 16, 1954

Mr. Kermit H. Larson  
Chief, Alamogordo Section  
Atomic Energy Project  
University of California  
P. O. Box 4164  
West Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Kermit:

We expect to obtain 400-500 pounds of top soil from one of the Pacific Islands where there was heavy fallout. Presumably this will be collected from an island sufficiently far away from the point of detonation so that there will be little or no heavy debris, and where the particulate matter would be relatively small.

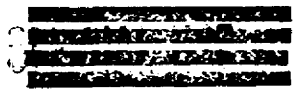
It occurs to us that it would be desirable to have some studies on the uptake of the radioactive material by plants grown on various types of soils. Provided you would be interested in having some of the radioactive soil for studies of this nature, we will be glad to send you 100 pounds or so.

If you are interested in this soil, will you let me know as soon as possible and we could have this sent direct to you from the forward area rather than reshipping after it arrived here.

Sincerely yours,

Paul B. Pearson  
Chief, Biology Branch  
Division of Biology and Medicine

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