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In reply refer to:

May 31, 1961

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Dr. R. A. Conard Medical Research Center Brookhaven National Laboratory Upton, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Dr. Conard:

Your letter of May 25, 1961, to Dr. H. E. Macdonald has been reviewed at Guam and the following opinions are mutual.

The Trust Territory is responsible for the care of the Rongelap population and will establish the logistic support necessary to discharge this responsibility.

In regard to plans for future surveys, we feel that the Trust Territory medical department should conduct the annual survey and send the collected information to your laboratory for evaluation. It is only in the infrequent survey including "body burden" tests that the A.E.C. would furnish medical personnel to participate in the survey. Any discussions relative to these matters should be carried on directly with me.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Goding --High Commissioner --

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