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Dear Dr. Shipman:

We are sending to you, under separate cover, urine samples from some of Dave Smith's people in W Division. This is primarily a precautionary measure. An analysis of the urine should be made for "particulate alpha". Dave Smith's group had a bit of an accident when a power failure occurred at the cab, a valve broke, and they had to flush the device out with helium. As far as we can determine, none of the three people involved received any exposure; however, to make them feel better, we sent them to the hospital to produce urine samples for us. Bill Kennedy went out with Dave Smith yesterday morning and monitored the cab (actually the "fish bowl") thoroughly and found absolutely no trace of alpha contamination.

Incidentally, the exposure on these three occurred at approximately 0100 hours, 5 June. The first urine specimen was gathered at 0900, 5 June, the second specimen about 0900, 6 June.

I'm enclosing, for your pleasure, a copy of the Rad-Safe chart for Bikini Zuni Day. Rex Gyax and I got these readings on the first detailed survey after that shot. This chart demonstrates what I call good rad-safe. I don't know who was wearing the halo; certainly it must have been either Gaelen or myself for only by the grace of the good Lord could Nan have been spared. Dutch Herwin informs me that the shout of glee that erupted in the ready room of the carrier when we reported Nan clear could have been heard for miles. I don't doubt it.

We are moving right along, having very little trouble, irritated frequently by the minor administrative snafus that always seem to come up. If I have no more to worry about than those little things, I'll not have any need to worry about ulcers during this operation. We've fired five, and so far the highest dosage accumulated by anyone in the Task Force is 3600 mr. Two duck drivers got this when they didn't obey the monitor's instructions. Consistently the highest dosage accumulation is showing up in TU-7, much to my chagrin. We are accumulating it on these surveys. People want information so we get it for them. We aren't hurting, for we have dozens of bodies available.

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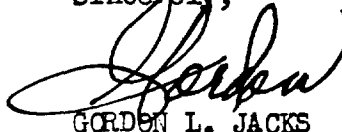
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Si Schlaer got his gadget up and running on Runit after the Erie shot and got excellent results. Seems to me he's having the time of his life out here even though he does "gripe" about having to make the trip. He's billeted with those of us in TU-7, and all these young officers have a great time kidding around with him, and he fits in quite well.

Nothing further to offer at the present time. I'll continue to keep you posted as to our status. Please give my regards to all there at the office. Tell Leo we are looking forward to greeting him.

Sincerely,



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