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Jack Tobin:

As you can see from the Eniwetok Survey Plan, it is our intent to obtain sufficient data from the total environment so that an assessment can be made of the radiological implications of the residual radioactive materials for future inhabitants. We have planned a fairly comprehensive marine, terrestrial, air, and biota sampling and analysis program in order that we may evaluate all conceivable population dose pathways.

In order that we may insure further that we are addressing the specific needs of the Marshallese people in this survey and assessment I would appreciate it if you would prepare the following information for me:

1. Population distribution for those who are expected to rehabilitate the atoll (Total numbers of adult males and females, total numbers of minor males and females).

2. Social and political organization of families [sic] scattered over any islands? Cluster living?).

3. Probable islands to be inhabited and/or cultivated and traffic patterns between them.

4. Living habits of the people, including average current diet in as much detail as possible. If their current diet differs in any significant way from that which you are reasonably sure they will have on Eniwetok please point out the differences.

I anticipate that this information will be used as an essential part of the report we will write on the survey and the radiological assessment. It should therefore be as complete as possible and be prepared in a written form that you consider appropriate for wide distribution. Since we wish it also to be as accurate as possible you may prefer to wait until you can discuss our needs with the Marshallese on Majuro and Ujae before preparing any written information for inclusion in our report. (They may wish to contribute also).

I wish to emphasize that this information does not constitute a plan for rehabilitation nor is it any way a commitment by you or the Marshallese for future action. It is simply a guide to use so that we can have greater confidence that we are conducting the most appropriate survey possible.

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