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Attached manuscript

1. The attached manuscript should be revised.
2. I have discussed it with Dr. Bond and in general he concurs.
3. Dr. Shellabarger pointed out that some of your comments in respect to conditions under which the Marshallese live are potentially "hot" political items and could be used against the United States in United Nations etc. The United States did not make the conditions but under U. S. Trusteeship going back to 1947, they have not been corrected. Please rewrite so that there are no statements that can be misunderstood by Marshallese Congress etc. and used against the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission or other U. S. agencies.
4. Readers will almost certainly want to know about the magnitude of the initial radiation injury. This could be best covered by referring to the Journal of the American Medical Association article that is easily available to anyone in any library.
5. Everyone I believe in addition to me will ask the simple question of what are the results on the irradiated population. Control and Rongelap should be in same report.
6. Sorry for the delay but Vic has been away so I'm writing this memo to you now. If you revise accordingly it can be sent out in a week or so after Vic and I see it again.

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