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TO : A. H. Seymour, Marine Biologist, Environmental Sciences Branch, Division of Biology and Medicine, Washington, D.C. DATE: MAR 22 1958

FROM : *for* Ernest Wynkoop, Chief, Eniwetok Branch
Eniwetok Proving Ground *Ray Owens*

SUBJECT: SHIP SUPPORT FOR ECOLOGY PROGRAM AT RONGELAP MAR 22 1958

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Reference is made to your letter under the above subject dated March 7, 1958, Symbol: BMES:AES.

Based on our present concept of the type of support required for your proposed Ecology program at Rongelap, it appears desirable in the best interests of the Government to consider the assignment of "ALOTO" (LSM-444) as your station ship.

The inherent uncertainties of test operations at EPG make it inadvisable to establish at this time a firm schedule of ship availability. However, a reasonable forecast of such availability would be sometime during the first half of September, 1958.

Cost data compiled to date during the limited period that "ALOTO" has been in service at EPG reflects something in the order of \$1250.00 as estimated daily costs for station service.

We shall be pleased to support your continuing program on the basis of firm scheduling at a later date when test and funding uncertainties become resolved.

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