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Dr. Ira B. Whitney  
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Atomic Energy Commission  
Ansonia Station, Box 30  
New York, New York

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Dear Dr. Whitney:

Inasmuch as Dr. Paul Tompkins is away from the Laboratory, your letter of 20 May requesting information regarding nine samples of coconuts shipped from NRDL has been referred to me.

The samples to which you refer were shipped in answer to a verbal request made by Dr. Merrill Eisenbud. There is no NRDL requirement for specific data from the samples so they may be utilized for any type of analysis of interest to your office.

A letter from Mr. R. W. Rinehart of NRDL to Dr. John H. Hartley of NYOO forwarded pertinent data relating to the samples. That information will be repeated here to insure that it is available to you:

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Growth Stage</u>	<u>Location Description</u>
51	Rongelap	Green	50 yds. south of radio tower
68	"	"	One-half mile south of north village
85	Busch	Sprouted	Near permanent position stake
96	Eniaetok	Copra	Near cemetery
"	"	Sprouted	" "
121B	Kabelle	Copra	South grove
"	"	Sprouted	" "
"	"	Copra	" "
"	"	Sprouted	" "
196	Bikar	Green	Grove, west end of island
197	"	"	" " " " " "
211	Eniwetok	"	" , center of island

With the exception of the last three, all of the above samples were collected from Rongelap Atoll.

The marking on the packing case to which you refer, "Hold for NRDL Representative", was evidently an old marking put there when the case was being shipped to NRDL from the field and may be disregarded.

Very truly yours,  
*E. P. Cooper*  
E. P. COOPER  
Associate Scientific Director

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