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Dear Don:

Would you be interested in a six weeks expedition to the Marshall Islands, particularly Eniwetok and Bikini, this summer, starting about the middle of July, returning about the first of September? The Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Navy have engaged the Applied Fisheries Laboratory of the University of Washington to conduct this expedition to study the uptake of certain radioactive materials by the plants and animals, both land and marine.

I was asked to go and study the land plants, and am strongly tempted to go, but can't quite justify taking the time from my vegetation and environment project, about which you already know. So I suggested to Dr. Lauren R. Donaldson, the director of the expedition, that you might be interested in going and doing the field work, that we might integrate somewhat our two projects, and that I might work up the material that you collect. He suggested that I get in touch with you on the matter.

You would be paid the same salary as you are getting now at Tripler Hospital (is this correct?) plus a \$7 per diem to cover personal expenses.

I would supply you with a key to the land plants that you could expect to find there, so that you could make tentative field identifications which ~~can~~ could be checked later by means of the material you collected.

It would please me very much if you would be interested in making this trip. Could you let me know immediately? If you can't make it it will be necessary to scurry around fast to find someone else.

With best regards,

very sincerely

F. R. Fosberg

P.S. The party would fly to Kwajalein and go by boat from there.

p.p.s. Could you send me an extra carbon of your reply?

c.c. to Dr. Donaldson

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