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Dr. Paul Pearson
Biology Branch
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Pearson:

I am pleased to present a short statement on the progress of the report on the classification of the Bikini fishes.

We have finished correcting the 245 galleys, 74 plates, and 90 figures for volume I which we expect to consist of about 800 printed pages. We expect the page proofs back from the GPO in January.

This morning I talked with our Associate Editor, John Lea, who stated that the Smithsonian Institution intends to order from the government printing office, only 2500 copies, which would cover only its own distributional needs. I was sorry to learn from the associate editor that so few copies were being ordered and in my opinion this is no where near enough to cover the needs of other government agencies. If you are interested in obtaining copies for the AEC, I suggest that an order be placed along with that of the Smithsonian Institution. The estimated cost per copy will probably be between $2.50 and $3.00.

The plates and figures have come out very nicely and I am convinced that this contribution on the fishes of the Marshall and Marianas Islands will be of great importance to those who work with that fauna in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard P. Schultz

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Curator of Fishes

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