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Mr. William Carey
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Dear Mr. Carey:

This letter is a follow up of our telephone conversation of March 26, in which I called to your attention the one-sidedness of a Symposium proposed for the AAAS meeting in January 1980 in San Francisco on "Ethno-Epidemiology: The Marshall Islanders Twenty-Five Years After Exposure to Radiation."

The Symposium proposed by Mr. Glenn H. Alcalay is one of very wide scientific and public interest. As presently constituted the program is one-sided and highly critical of the program as administered by the Atomic Energy Commission-ERDA-Department of Energy through the last 25 years. I believe the program could be enormously improved in the scientific and public interest if individuals such as J. E. Rall, Deputy Director, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolic and Digestive Diseases, and Baruch Blumberg, the Nobel Laureate, who has participated in the Marshall Islands surveys and is an acknowledged anthropologist. Dr. Rall has signified his interest in and willingness to participate in such a symposium, if he were invited. We shall inform you as to whether Dr. Blumberg will be available, as soon as we can contact him.

Many thanks for your suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

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