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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

January 13, 1967

Honorable William R. Norwood
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

REPOSITORY

COLLECTION

BOX No.

FOLDER

DOE/PASO
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1228, ERDA #3
BIO-MED, DR. CONARD
01 thru 12/1967

Dear Mr. Norwood:

This letter serves to review preparations for the forthcoming special medical examinations of the Rongelap people scheduled to begin the latter part of February. Though we have not received final word on Trust Territory transportation support, it is necessary that we proceed with final arrangements from this end. Unless we hear to the contrary, we are therefore assuming that:

- (a) A ship will transport our advance medical team and equipment from Kwajalein to Rongelap on February 23 (Trust Territory time).
- (b) A ship will be available to transport medical equipment and possibly certain personnel on March 15 (TT time) from Rongelap to Kwajalein. Either (a) or (b) would be in conjunction with a routine TT and Marshall Island field trip operation and the other trip would probably have to be chartered on AEC expenses.
- (c) On March 1 (TT time) an SA-16 flight to transport members of the medical team from Kwajalein to Rongelap along with personal luggage will be arranged, and
- (d) On March 15 (TT time) an SA-16 flight to transport medical team personnel from Rongelap to Kwajalein. These flights would be chartered by AEC-Honolulu, and they may already have or will negotiate the above transportation with Mr. Windel at Saipan and Dwight Heine at Majuro.

Please note that the days for the SA-16 flights are at a time when these planes normally are at Kwajalein, and discussions with one of the Pan American pilots last September indicated that such a mission could be carried out without interrupting the routine SA-16 schedule. Department of Interior sent me the UN Visiting Mission schedule, and though it appears that one week SA-16's will be used at times for transportation for this group, the dates of our requests do not appear to conflict. I hope this is the case.

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We have added one person to our team, and the list of participants from the United States is as follows:

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DOE/NV	1228, ERDA #3	BIO-MED, DR. CONARD	01 Thru 12/1967	Dr. Robert A. Conard	BNL	2/22	February 24
				Mr. Robert F. Smith	BNL		February 28
				Dr. Bentley P. Colcock	Lahey Clinic, Boston		February 28
				Dr. Austin Lowrey, Jr. (col)	Box 503, Lorton, Virginia		February 28
				Dr. Wataru W. Sutow	Univ. of Texas, Houston		February 28
				Mr. William A. Scott	BNL <i>Brookhaven National Laboratory</i>	2/17	February 20
				Mr. Thomas Weldon	BNL	2/17	February 20
				Mr. Douglas G. Clareus	BNL		February 20

From correspondence with Dr. Howe, it is my understanding that the following Trust Territory personnel will participate in the survey:

- Dr. Arobati Hicking
- Mr. Ernest Libby
- Mr. Sebio Shoniber
- Mr. Kosang Mizutoni
- Dental practitioner and technician
- X-ray technician (Nelson at Majuro?)
- Micronesian cook at Majuro (arrangements by Mr. Libby)

If the above schedule holds, we would appreciate having Mr. Libby and Mr. Shoniber or Mr. Mizutoni at Kwajalein by February 22 (TT time) to assist in preliminary arrangements. The remainder of the TT personnel should be at Kwajalein in time to leave at 0800 1 March (TT time) by plane for the trip from Kwajalein to Rongelap.

The anticipated schedule, using only TT time, is as follows:

- February 21-22 - Advance team arrives Kwajalein.
- February 23 - Trust Territory ship transports advance team and equipment from Kwajalein to Rongelap.
- 2/25 March 1 - SA-16 transports remainder of medical team from Kwajalein to Rongelap.
- March 1-15 - Rongelap examinations.
- March 15 *March 14* - TT ship transports medical team from Rongelap to Kwajalein (plane needed in order to allow time for special examinations at Ebeye by thyroid expert who must return early to the U.S.)
- March 15-21 - Ebeye examinations.
- March 22 - TT plane (routine) Kwajalein to Majuro for 13 members of medical team.
- March 24 - Army DC-4 from Kwajalein to transport medical team from Majuro to Kwajalein.
- 5013437 March 25 - Return to U.S.

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It will be appreciated if reservations can be made for the medical team on your Trust Territory plane from Kwajalein to Majuro on March 22.

Your help in carrying out these arrangements is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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