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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Department of Health Services
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Gentlemen:

With reference to your inquiry to Dr. Knudson and the meeting at Majuro with Bill Streenan, Dr. Knudson, Dr. Riklon and yourself relative to the payment of costs for travel of the exposed Marshallese, the following sets out our understandings of the funding question:

1. My letter dated February 26, 1973 to the High Commissioner relates to this question and is quoted in part for your information - "If, as a result of the surveys and as determined by Dr. Conard, it becomes necessary to transport any of the surveyed Marshallese patients to the United States for further medical treatment, the AEC will fund and pay to the Trust Territory the costs of the patients travel and per diem (at the Trust Territory established rate) from their home island to Kwajalein, and their return from Kwajalein to their home island. These travel and per diem costs will also be allowed for an interpreter accompanying the patients. For the patient's and interpreter's trip from Kwajalein to the United States and return to Kwajalein, the AEC will fund for and provide all transportation, suitable clothing for the colder climate, food, lodging and miscellaneous travel expenses."
2. Also for your information the following is quoted in part from Dr. R. A. Conard's letter dated October 9, 1973 to Mr. Hemos Jilej, Secretary/Treasurer, Rongelap Fallout Survivors Association. "The people should not confuse B. N. L., responsibility with that of the Trust Territory with regard to per diem

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