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CONCERNING RONGELAP &
UTIRIK ATOLLS
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Dr. Robert A. Conard
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Dear Dr. Conard:

Thank you for taking the time from what must be a very busy schedule to provide for the Committee a rough summary of the survey.

I would also like to ask for your further assistance regarding two matters. The first concerns the \$16,000 which you said you had requested for the people of Utirik, for their inconvenience. It was my understanding that the AEC had approved this money and it had been sent to the Trust Territory via the Department of the Interior. A check with the Distad's Office and the Finance Officer in the Marshall Islands District shows no such money. A further inquiry today with the Department of Health Services and the Director of Finance of the Trust Territory here on Saipan also yields no information as to the whereabouts or status of this money. Consequently, I wonder if you could contact someone in the AEC who knows about this sum and its disposition. The Director of Finance, Mr. Ronald Peterson suggested that it may have been approved by the AEC, but that it had never been requested by either the Trust Territory or the Department of the Interior. Please understand that this is not a request by the Committee for the money, but rather a request to know what is the status of the money.

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The second matter concerns the use of land by Brookhaven/AEC on Rongelap. It appears from records in the Land Management Office in the Marshalls, that the only land lease negotiated with the people of Rongelap was for the since-abandoned RadSafe site at the end of the island. Payments are no longer made for this site. We wish to know, consequently, if you have any knowledge of any lease or rent arrangements for the land presently occupied by the trailers and other structures on Rongelap used by Brookhaven.

Although neither of the above requests are urgent, it would be appreciated if we could have some kind of response within the next three weeks.

Very truly yours,



Brian Farley
Staff Member, Special Joint Committee
concerning Rongelap & Utirik Atolls

cc: Senator Olympio T. Borja, Chairman