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October 7, 1969

Mr. William A. Bonnet  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
P. O. Box 580  
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Dear Bill:

I am preparing to write a letter to the Trust Territory to initiate plans for the forthcoming survey. This survey is tentatively planned for the latter part of February and the first part of March.

There are 2 items that I think of at this time which I would like your advice on. First and foremost as you know the Micronesian Congress has been upset about the Trust Territory using any of their budget to support operations connected with results of testing and so on in the islands. Apparently they made a special point of recommending that no Trust Territory funds be used to support the AEC medical surveys. I believe the Trust Territory is probably afraid not to comply with their recommendation. Of course their support only involved furnishing support personnel (travel and per diem, perhaps salary). I suppose if we offered to pay travel and per diem (not salary) for the Trust Territory personnel, that would probably make them happy. What do you think about this? If you should agree do you feel that there is enough money in the kiddy to support this, say \$2,000 as a guess, per year. I believe that we will probably only need to use 2 to 3 Trust territory medical personnel on the next survey.

Secondly, Bill Streenan mentioned that he had made arrangements for our use of the "Militobi" during the next survey. Is this negotiation entirely between you and KITCO or is it necessary that I request use of this ship through the Trust Territory in my initiating letter referred to.

It would appear from the attitude of the Micronesians and the Trust Territory that any compensation that will be paid to the Utirik people will probably have to come from the AEC. I realize this is probably not your concern. Due to the development of the thyroid malignancy *in that group* I feel that they will be more restless than ever and certainly hope that some form of token payment can be made to them soon.

Sincerely,



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