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Los Alamos Field Office  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Los Alamos, New Mexico

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Per ERIS H. DUNNING  
(Person authorizing change in classification and date)

By Emily Stephenson 6/4/77  
(Signature of person making the change and date)

Dear Mr. Diluzio:

We have just received information from Morris E. Brubaker that there will be a number of claims resulting from contamination of personal effects left, according to Task Force instructions, on Tare and Nan at Bikini. A survey board is being set up there which will include Ralph Carlisle Smith, LASL, and representatives from Holmes and Harver and the Eniwetok Field Office of AEC.

It appears from information at hand that local decontamination is out of the question and that the entire amount contaminated will need to be disposed of at the site. There will be approximately 75 claims received from members of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and, conceivably, some from the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley. All personnel involved must buy new clothing from their own funds; therefore, it is important that the claims be processed and paid immediately.

Under Article 8, paragraph 2, of Contract W-7405-Eng-36, it is required that these probable claims be reported to you. Due to the location at which the contamination resulted, it is felt desirable that the survey, reporting and the settling of the claims, including payment, be handled at the site by Holmes and Harver with the understanding that they will make suitable reporting to the Laboratory and to you in order that claim files can be properly documented. Further, that upon completion of the settlement of the claims by Holmes and Harver, the financial aspects to cover accounting will be handled between Holmes and Harver and the University of California's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory on a cash basis.

If this suggested procedure meets with your approval, I will appreciate your making immediate contact with the Field Manager at Eniwetok and inform us in writing of your approval.

Very truly yours,

Original Signed by

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Acting Director

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