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Dear Tom,

It was good to know that you arrived in one piece.

I called your man at Oattrigger Florist, and everything should go through as you requested.

Last evening I mentioned to Jayne the other possibility and the little woman was most receptive. After school would be better for both of us, and we both hope things will work out as suggested.

Several things have come up in connection with H. & N. local employees which I ~~think~~ think might interest you. On Monday, my first day back at the office, one of these boys - just back from the test area - told the lab girl here that he "had been told" to get a "white count" when he got home, as he had been exposed to "radiation". His white count was 4700. He had with him a form stating that he had received 35 mr during his employment. I sat him down and reassured him by asking him how many roentgens he thought he might have picked up from his several teeth X-rays, chest films, G.I. series, local treatment for fungus infections plus cosmic radiation during his lifetime. Also, without mentioning the actual count, I told him that his white count was normal.

The next day another ~~boy~~ boy offered token resistance to having his chest X-rayed as a routine part of the regular termination physical exam, since he had already had ~~enough~~ "enough radiation". We took the chest film anyhow.

These two instances make me feel constrained to feel that much travail, worry and possibly legal complications might be minimized by 1) not providing low I.Q.'s. or anybody, for that matter, with the amount of radiation supposedly incurred; 2) providing only a statement to the effect that the amount of radiation received is in no way harmful and should not preclude any medical diagnostic or therapeutic X-ray measures in the future; 3) medical briefing by competent authority before leaving for home; 4) lab work, if indicated, before leaving for home. Other angles undoubtedly suggest themselves to you.

If none of the above seems feasible, it is possible that I might be of use here in nailing rumors or correcting false impressions, at least as far as the Honolulu hires go. I should appreciate from you a word on what, if anything, I should do or say in connection with any of this.

Two doctors who examine for H&N in Hilo, Hawaii have been adding the following notation to their recent termination exams:- "No radiation burns". Dick Reed, Hono Mgr of H&N has knocked this off as of today.

4/20/54 cc as marked to L. Chelina



I never got a chance to tell you how much I enjoyed my trip or to thank you for your share in making so much possible. I shall write Spain and the H&N people at the jobsite. If there is anyone else I should thank and haven't, would you be good enough to do so when you see them or let me know so that I can myself.

Love to Francis and best regards to Payne Harris.

Dick

P.S. This is the only copy of this letter, & I wrote it myself.

R.C.W.