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Mr. Gerard C. Smith  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: (1) to inform you of the successful conclusion of the first follow-up medical examination of the Marshall Island inhabitants exposed to radioactive fall-out during the test series conducted in the Pacific during the Spring, 1954; (2) the second medical re-examination is now tentatively scheduled to be held in the Spring, 1955.

The specific dates for the second re-examination will be determined jointly by the Commanding Officer of the Naval Medical Research Institute, the Commanding Officer of the Navy Radiological Defense Laboratory, and the AEC. Personnel from these laboratories will conduct the examinations for the Commission under the project leadership of Dr. E. P. Cronkite. Dr. Cronkite, formerly a member of the staff of the Naval Medical Research Institute, is presently employed as a member of the Medical Division of Brookhaven National Laboratory, an AEC installation.

If you are aware of any reasons which would make the second visit untimely or inappropriate, we would appreciate being so advised.

Sincerely yours,

K. D. Nichols  
General Manager

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