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July 7, 1961

Dr. Charles L. Dunham  
 Director, Div. of Biology and Medicine  
 U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Chuck:

I received your letter of 28 June with the enclosed memorandum summarizing your meeting with Mr. Nucker, Mr. Goding and Mr. Milner. I was very glad you had the opportunity to discuss the surveys with them and I feel from the tone of your memorandum that Mr. Goding will be reasonable, although I imagine he will continue to get pressure from Dr. Macdonald. I, too, was impressed with the fact that Mr. Goding was at a disadvantage being new in his position but felt that he was conscientious and wanted to do the right thing. I feel that we should do everything possible to cooperate with him to the fullest.

I believe that your suggestion that Dr. Macdonald and I write an informal memorandum before leaving the Islands is a wise one. I presume that what you had in mind in this regard was an expression of the general medical status of the people, our impressions as to their complaints, and the validity of these complaints based on medical findings.

I am completely in the dark as to what memorandum agreement was referred to by Mr. Goding, which was supposed to be signed by Dr. Macdonald and myself, relating to our mutual understanding of how future medical surveys are to be conducted. There is only one memorandum which I recall signing with Dr. Macdonald. This memorandum (dated Nov. 17, 1960) pertains to agreements for the 1961 Rongelap medical survey only. The only other memorandum that might have been referred to was one written November 23, 1959 by the Director of Public Health concerning plans for the 1960 examination only. This latter memorandum was "okayed" and initialed by Mr. Nucker. I am enclosing several copies of both of these memoranda for your use. I think that you will readily agree that they contain no future survey agreements, with the possible exception, of reducing the frequency of the whole body counts.

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I have no objection to the ecological surveys being carried out along with the medical surveys. However, remember we plan on living on Rongelap Island for the period of the surveys and will therefore have no transportation available for the ecological survey team.

I have discussed with Dr. Farr all of these recent developments and he concurs in the action taken; he feels that later on, perhaps in the Fall, that it would be wise for me to visit the Trust Territory to make definitive arrangements for the 1962 survey.

Sincerely,



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