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NRDL STUDIES

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Attached please find copies of two related NRDL proposals, one concerning study of the state of contamination of the Marshall atolls, the other purporting to be a follow-up study on animal life collected and to be collected from the atolls. Also attached are copies of acknowledgments by Biology and Medicine of the receipt of these proposals.

As you know, there appears to be a certain amount of overlap as between Donaldson's work, subject proposals, and, perhaps, to some slight extent, the medical checkups recently authorized. Actually, I suspect if the principals were brought together in the same room it would turn out that there is very little overlap, and that there are specific segments of the over-all program which effectively could be performed by NRDL, Donaldson, and NMRI. It would be my suggestion that, after discussing the matter with Dr. Bugher upon his return, a meeting be set up at NRDL on or about August 20 for the purpose of clarifying responsibility and permitting concrete planning to take place. I would think that Drs. Pearson and Claus, or their designees, should attend such a meeting, and also that Donaldson should attend if possible. It is conceivable that matters might be somewhat expedited if either Bert or I were to go along: uncertainty as to who is paying for what seems to permeate the two proposals attached. Advance clarification of such matters would have expedited the medical checkup project.

Attachments:
As stated.

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