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The Honorable William R. Norwood
High Commissioner (HICOM)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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Dear Mr. Norwood:

I do not believe it is too soon to start our plans for the next special medical examinations of the Rongelap people. The forthcoming Survey is the off-year survey and will consist in examination only of the exposed people of Rongelap (living at Rongelap, Ebeye and Majuro). The unexposed comparison population will not be examined routinely this time. Of course the thyroid examinations in the exposed group will be complete with blood studies. I hope we find that the thyroid condition is beginning to quiet down. Since we have been having difficulty in getting the people to take their thyroid medication, I hope that we will be able to establish a better regimen on the next survey.

I am presenting the following concrete plan for consideration, realizing that some changes may be necessary.

Proposed Schedule: (Trust Territory Time)

T.T. and U.S. Medical teams arrive prior to Feb. 25.
Feb. 24 T.T. ship (preferably Militobi) arrives Kwajalein; load ship.
Feb. 25 T.T. ship departs for Rongelap.
Feb. 26 " " " arrives Rongelap-offload. Ship may depart completion offloading.
Feb. 27 - Mar. 8 Exams Rongelap.
Mar. 8 T.T. ship arrives.
Mar. 9 " " " departs for Kwajalein.
Mar. 10 " " " arrives Kwajalein - offloads - may then proceed at will.
Mar. 11 - 15 Exams Ebeye.
Mar. 16 Army plane takes team and equipment to Majuro.
Mar. 16 - 18 Exams Majuro.
Mar. 19 Regular T.T. plane takes team (7-8?) and equipment to Kwajalein.
Mar. 20 Mac flight Honolulu.

It is expected the following U.S. personnel will participate:

Dr. R. A. Conard	Mr. William Scott
Dr. W. W. Sutow	Mr. D. Clereus
Dr. Leo Meyer	Tech. (?)
Dr. C. F. Demoise (Ph.D.)	

It would be appreciated if the following T.T. personnel could participate:

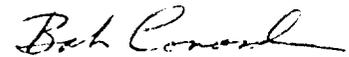
Dr. W. M. Peck (participate or observe?) (medical exams)
Dr. A. Hicking (Medical History)
Mr. E. Libby (X-ray and photography)
Mr. Sebio Shoniber (Hematology)
Mr. Kosang Mizutoni (Hematology)
Cook (for Rongelap exams only).

We have no special requests of the Trust Territory for equipment or medical supplies for the survey. I assume the usual field trip medical supplies will be taken.

If there are fiscal arrangements necessary, I am sure the AEC at Honolulu will carry out arrangements with your people.

I am sending copies of this letter to Drs. Peck, Hicking, and Iaman, Dwight Heine, Art Johnson and Mr. Bonnet at AEC Honolulu. As you suggested during my visit with you, I will carry out any further detailed planning that might be necessary with your representatives. Your help in approving and augmenting these arrangements will be greatly appreciated. With best regards.

Most sincerely,



Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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