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VOLUNTEER MEDICAL SUPPORT AT BIKINI

This confirms and expands upon my comments to you in a telephone conversation last week.

Guy S. Haywood, M.D., is a retired neurosurgeon residing on Maui, Hawaii. He and I recently became acquainted following his visit as a volunteer member of one of our scientific parties at Bikini. Noting the less than adequate medical care which is available to the people now residing on Bikini, Dr. Haywood has volunteered to assist in the training of the Trust Territory Medical Aid provided we are able to arrange for him to visit Bikini.

On my recent visit to Majuro I informed the District Administrator of Dr. Haywood's offer to go to Bikini as a volunteer. On the advice of his District Attorney, a letter was extended by the District Administrator and I enclose a copy of that invitation which I hand delivered to Dr. Haywood a few days later. In our discussions, it became apparent that regardless of his status with the Trust Territory, if Dr. Haywood accompanies one of our survey teams, he may well become personally involved in some medical emergency affecting a member of the team and this, of course, would present a serious question of potential liability. We have studied that rather carefully during the past few days and concluded that the way to provide Dr. Haywood with reasonable protection is to make him, by virtue of a service contract, an employee of our Pacific contractor, Holmes & Narver, Inc. We will then direct Holmes & Narver to arrange for Dr. Haywood to be covered by the malpractice insurance which they provide for their other staff physicians. Further, we are attempting to arrange for issuance of a limited license to practice in the Trust Territory for Dr. Haywood.

Dr. Haywood has indicated his willingness to accept the arrangements set forth above and we will formalize them with him as soon as the last



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details are worked out. I have discussed this matter in some detail with Dr. Conard also, and he sees no conflict with his activities in the Marshalls. I shall see to it that Drs. Knudsen and Kotrady are acquainted with the plan when our survey party leader sees them on Kwajalein next week.

Based upon our telephone conversation, I assume no HQ objection to these arrangements which I am confident will be beneficial to ERDA, the Trust Territory Administration, and the people at Bikini.

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As stated

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