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Dr. Lauren Donaldson  
Director  
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Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Lauren:

Enclosed is a report of the 7th Medical Survey of the Marshall Islanders for your information and transmittal to whom it may concern in your group.

Looking forward to seeing you again at Fern Lake.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John N. Wolfe".

John N. Wolfe, Chief  
Environmental Sciences Branch  
Division of Biology & Medicine

Enclosure:  
As stated above

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Dr. Charles L. Duhamel, Director  
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Dear Chuck:

I would like to briefly summarize for you some of the highlights of the recent survey. Everything really went very smoothly and I was quite pleased at the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the Trust Territory officials.

Bill Scott (medical technician from Brookhaven) and I arrived at Kwajalein March 9th. Dr. Ezra Riklon, the practitioner at Beye, had rounded up about ten Rongelap people not residing there for examination. Drs. Fennel and Shippey, in charge of the Kwajalein Hospital, were most cooperative and allowed us to use their facilities for the examinations. They were also kind enough to loan us several pieces of laboratory equipment including the Billings microscope, a centrifuge, a spectrophotometer, and several boxes which had been shipped in factory.

The Navy flew us to Majuro on the 12th. Dr. John Isaac, the medical practitioner who has taken Dr. Ricking's place at Majuro, had rounded up several Rongelap people to be examined as well as a few children for height and weight measurements as part of the growth and development control group. These examinations were completed the following day.

Mr. Maynard Neas, Dr. E. B. Macdonald and I carried out final arrangements for the survey at Rongelap. The survey team consisted of the following people in addition to Dr. Macdonald, Bill Scott and myself: Dr. Ezra Riklon, Dr. Isaac Isaac and two technicians, Kloss and Sabio, and in addition, Dr. Jaffe and one of his dental technicians went along to carry out dental examinations. Mr. Neas also accompanied the group. He went along apparently to look into the agricultural situation on Rongelap. We sailed on the Roque, the Trust Territory cargo ship, on Wednesday morning the 16th, arriving at Kwajalein one day later where we picked up Dr. Ezra and our three medical boxes which contained mainly the electronic Coulter counter and laboratory equipment. We did not sail for Rongelap until the afternoon of the 18th since, in view of Captain Robert's unfamiliarity with Rongelap lagoon, he wished to arrive at a time when the sun would be to his back as he entered the lagoon in order to steer through the coral heads. When we dropped anchor in the lagoon off Rongelap village on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Neil Morris, the agriculturalist who had been living on the island for the past year, and the two participants (Neas) came aboard. They indicated that the Rongelap people would like to have a meeting and ask us certain questions before commencing with the examination.



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of everyone concerned, is a happy solution to the problem. We are investigating the possibility of taking the steel rods along next year in the cargo hold of the Roqua. I hope this will work out.

I hope this brief resume will give you some of the highlights of the survey.  
Warmest regards,

Sincerely,