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Honorable Orme Lewis  
Assistant Secretary of the Interior  
Department of Interior  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

You will recall that in September, 1954, a medical team composed of members of the staffs of the Naval Medical Research Institute and the Navy Radiological Defense Laboratory conducted for the Atomic Energy Commission medical examinations of residents of the Marshall Islands who had been exposed to radioactive fall-out as a result of the March 1 detonation of the tests held in the Pacific during the Spring, 1954. The mission was aided considerably by the housing and messing facilities made available to them at Majuro through the Office of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The second examination is now tentatively scheduled to be conducted in the Spring, 1955, under the leadership of Dr. E. P. Cronkite. Dr. Cronkite, formerly on the staff of the NMRI, is presently serving with the Medical Division of Brookhaven National Laboratory, an AEC installation.

It is requested that the Office of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands again make appropriate arrangements for the visit of the medical team with the Marshallese people. The duration of the visit will be approximately three weeks. Housing and messing accommodations for 12 to 14 personnel will be needed for that period. The specific dates during which the team will conduct the examinations have not been determined, but you will be advised as soon as a decision has been reached.

We would appreciate your advising the Trust Territory of these plans. If you foresee any reason which would make the projected examinations untimely, please advise us accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

cc: CO- NRDL Director, OSP  
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