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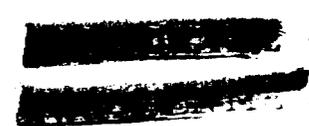
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington

August 13, 1954

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Dear Mr. Nichols:

I have received your letter of August 5 informing us of plans to conduct follow-up medical examinations of the Marshall Islands inhabitants exposed during the recent test series in the Pacific. We have noted that arrangements have been worked out informally between the Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory for these recurrent medical checkups.

You raise the question of the timeliness of the proposed visit of the first medical team, scheduled for the latter part of August or the first of September, and the possibility of adverse comment in the UN. We believe that, on the contrary, if the question is raised in the UN General Assembly, any discussion would reflect credit on the United States in as much as the continued medical checks of the inhabitants are in accordance with the wishes of the Trusteeship Council and were promised by us during the discussion of the Trust Territory in the Council's recent Fourteenth Session.

We would appreciate your keeping us informed of further developments.

Sincerely yours,

**SAN BRUNO FRG**

/s/ Gerard C. Smith  
/t/ Gerard C. Smith  
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Mr. K. D. Nichols, General Manager,  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington 25, D. C.

August 19, 1954

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My dear Mr. Nichols:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 5, 1954, regarding the forthcoming medical mission to the Marshall Islands, and advise you that we have sent to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory the carbon copy attached to your original letter to us.

Prior to receipt of your letter, upon informal request from your Agency, we had raised with the High Commissioner the question of whether twelve persons could be accommodated on Majuro two to four weeks toward the end of August for the purpose of conducting medical examinations. We were advised on August 3 that this would be possible, and that there would be certain charges, including hotel rates of \$6.00 per person per day plus laundry and charges for the transportation of water from Majuro to Ejit. This information has been transmitted to your Agency by telephone. We understand that ICHS I. J. Smith, MSC, USN, who is preceding the team to Majuro, will be authorized to work out financial and other details.

We are pleased that a series of medical re-examinations is to be undertaken and wish to assure you of our fullest cooperation. We shall correspond with you further after the High Commissioner has had an opportunity to review your letter if correspondence at that time seems indicated.

Sincerely yours,

SAN BRUNO FRG

/s/ Fred C. Andahl  
Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Mr. L. D. Nichols  
General Manager  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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