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August 16, 1954

Chief, Bureau of Ships  
Department of Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Ref: LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUREAU OF SHIPS AND AEC DATED  
AUGUST 5, 1954, RE FOLLOW-UP MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON  
MARSHALLESE PATIENTS

Dear Sir:

It will be recalled that reference letter agreement, while providing for financing and planning of subject mission, recommended "that a definite date of departure not be set until the AEC notifies your office that Departments of State and Interior, and the CNO have interposed no objection to a visit at this time." Each of these offices has been notified of the plans for the mission, none of them has interposed any objection, telephone conversations with a representative from the CNO indicates that they are proceeding with requests made of them in behalf of the mission, and representatives of the Departments of State and Interior have given informal concurrence by telephone. Accordingly, insofar as the AEC is concerned, plans for the conduct of the mission may be implemented and executed.

This office was informed on Friday, August 13, 1954, by NRDL of the desire to send one member of the team ahead of the main group, such person to depart on or about August 16. In view of the reservation contained in the letter agreement, the following telegram was dispatched August 13 to the Commanding Officer, NRDL:

"This constitutes authority to make and implement specific plans regarding the program involving medical team under Dr. Victor Bond. Signed C. L. Dunham, Deputy Director, Division of Biology and Medicine, AEC."

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If we may be of any further assistance in facilitating the execution of this important mission, we trust that you will so advise us.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Bugher, M.D.  
Director  
Division of Biology and Medicine

cc: Commanding Officer, NRDL ✓  
Commanding Officer, NMRI

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