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Dr. J. C. Bugher
Director, Division of Biology and Medicine
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Bugher:

An analysis of peripheral blood counts obtained on the Rongalap people during the first medical resurvey has been completed, and the results are forwarded as Encl (1) for information. The values are incorporated into tables showing the original findings as well for easy comparison. It was not possible to demonstrate an effect of measles, an epidemic of which was present at the time hematological determinations were made, on any of the blood values.

It is apparent that the total leukocyte, neutrophile lymphocyte and platelet counts remain below control levels, even though the mean values for each determination are within the range of normal for individual counts. This delayed recovery apparently is not inconsistent with data obtained in the Japanese bombings in 1946, and from the Los Alamos and Argonne accidents.

Bone marrow studies, and examination of chest and bone xrays have revealed no significant abnormalities attributable to radiation. It is anticipated that a report of all findings can be prepared in the near future. From present data, a resurvey of the individuals before approximately 6 months from the last examination does not appear to be indicated.

Sincerely yours,

V. P. BOED, M.D.

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