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THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER

John V. Vinciguerra

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SUBJECT: THYROID DISEASE IN RONGELAP ISLANDERS

This is to advise you that during the current annual medical survey of the Rongelap people, Dr. Robert Conard has turned up two more individuals with thyroid tumors, two boys ages 12 and 17, making a total of five (two male and three female) among those who were children at the time of exposure. In addition, there is one woman 41 years of age who was found to have what appears to be a solitary thyroid nodule.

The Journal of the American Medical Association has accepted for publication an article by Dr. Conard summarizing 10 years of observations on the Rongelap people and which includes information on the three cases of thyroid tumor noted last year. It is expected that this article will appear within the next few weeks.

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P.S. The Joint Committee is being informed of the above.

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