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Ms. Ruth Clusen  
Assistant Secretary for Environment and Safety  
Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Ms. Clusen,

In view of my retirement next month I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to a great number of people in the Department of Energy for their assistance in carrying out our medical program in the Marshall Islands during the past 25 years that I have been associated with the program. We have been faced with many problems over the years, many of which were not medical in nature such as logistic and not the least of which were political problems. If we had not had the staunch support, advice and loyalty of so many of your people the program could not have been carried out successfully. I speak of such people as Drs. Shields Warren, John Bugher, Charles Dunham, John Totter, Jim Liverman, Bill Burr, Walter Weyzen, Sidney Marks, Joe Deal, Tommy McCraw and Gail Bradshaw at the Washington level, and Bill Bonnet, Bill Stanley, Bill Streenan, Jim Miller, Kris Morris, Harry Brown, Neil Rassmussen, Bill Morrison and Jimmy Foard at the Honolulu office and Mahlon Gates and Roger Ray at the Nevada office.

On my retirement Dr. H. S. Pratt will be assuming leadership of the project. He is an excellent physician and I am sure I am leaving the program in good hands.

My association with the program has been most gratifying and rewarding both from the personal and professional point of view. I treasure my long years of friendship with the Marshallese people and am happy that we have been able to bring them improved health care and been able to give them the best possible treatment for their radiation injuries. I shall always have a keen interest in the program and what is happening to the Marshallese people and hope that, even though in a retired status I will continue to be of assistance and even participate in some of the future surveys.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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*Walter*  
*my personal thanks to you for all your help*  
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