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Dear Team Member,

Plans for the sixth medical survey of the Marshallese at 4 years post exposure have progressed to the point where a general statement of the situation is desirable. A meeting was held at the Naval Medical Research Institute, October 25th with a CNO representative (Lt. Cdr. Hamilton) and AEC representative (Dr. David Bruner of the Division of Biology and Medicine) present. Also present were Lt. Cdr. Vic King, our Naval liaison officer, who kindly made arrangements for the meeting, Col. Austin Lowery, Drs. Ed Rall and Lee Lusted of N.I.H., Dr. Leo Meyer, Dr. Bill Wolinsof BNL, Maynard Eicher and myself. We were most pleased at the fine spirit of cooperation between the various agencies involved. The Navy has come through again with their splendid support and we now have an LST, the PLUMAS COUNTY #1083, assigned for our survey. The skipper's name is Lt. J. N. Casseday, USN. Lt. Cdr. Hamilton also promised Naval support in obtaining MATS travel with necessary priority for team and cargo. Aside from logistics, a lengthy discussion of our medical studies resulted in important decisions on various aspects of the program. The form letter which I widely circulated has also resulted in helpful suggestions. The final plans for studies are not complete and further communication will be forthcoming as the program gets. Please send your suggestions soon if you have not done so.

We are sorry to lose the services of Ed. Rall, Brad Cannon and Chief Schork this year but maybe they will rejoin us on a future survey. We are fortunate in that Dr. "Wataru" ("Wat") Suttow at the M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas is joining our group to supervise the growth and development studies; Dr. Bill Wolins of BNL, an experienced internist, will participate and Dr. Jim Robertson of BNL will supervise the whole body counting. We would like to welcome Capt. John ("Johnny") M. Barton (MC) USAF (AFSP), Dr. Eugene van der Smissen of the Public Health Service, Clyde R. Sipe of Camdenton Missouri (Chief Sipe has participated before), Bill Scott, technician of BNL and Irving Jones, technician of South Nassau Communities Hospital. We are glad that Vic King has arranged to have Bill Clutter flown from Cairo, Egypt and Jef Hamby from Jacksonville to rejoin the group. Attached is a list of team members as they stand now. Mr. Neas and Dr. Hicking at Majuro have agreed to furnish a practitioner (Trigar or John Iaman?) and 2 technician - interpreters.

Construction of the 20 ton steel room to be used for whole body gamma spectroscopy on the Marshallese, has begun here at Brookhaven. It should be completed by mid-December and will be shipped (by ship) to Honolulu along with our Medical equipment to be onloaded onto the Plumas County for Kwajalein. Jim Robertson and Maynard Eicher will supervise the installation aboard the LST. The mid-December shipment of medical equipment makes it mandatory that if you have any equipment or supplies that you need, they should be ordered right away if you want the material to go with this shipment from BNL.

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Due to Navy programs the LST 1083 will be made available for a slightly earlier period than originally thought so that our schedule is now roughly as follows:

On or about	15 December,	1957	Shipment of steel room and medical supplies and equipment to Hawaii.
(?)	22 January,	1958	ETD LST, Long Beach, California
	1 February,	"	ETD Several members of team to supervise installation of steel room and electrical equipment. LST along side ship at Honolulu to transfer steel room and medical equipment aboard.
	8 February,	"	ETD LST for Kwajalein, perhaps one member of team aboard.
	14 "	"	ETD Travis Air Force Base for Hickam. Those going via MATS. (Lt. Cdr. Vic King NMRI will arrange transportation.)
	15 "	"	ETA at Honolulu of <u>all team members</u> . Point of Contact - Joint Task Force 7 - Office - Hickam Field.
	16 "	"	ETD Team Hickam to Kwajalein via MATS.
	17 "	"	ETA Kwajalein
	18 "	"	LST Kwajalein
	19 "	"	Medical Team board LST. Depart for Rongelap
	20 "	"	ETA LST Rongelap
	20 "	"	Set up dispensary building for examinations, set up x-ray machine, set up steel chamber aboard ship.
	21 "	"	Begin examinations
	11 March	"	Complete examinations
	12 March	"	ETD LST for Kwajalein
	13 "	"	ETA Kwajalein, Offload steel room for storage at Kwajalein, and medical equipment for MATS shipment west coast.
	13-14 "	"	ETD Most of team - stateside - 3-4 members team to Majuro via Navy plane.
	17 "	"	Examine Rita Village children at Majuro Hospital.
	19 "	"	Complete examinations. Return Kwajalein.
	20 "	"	ETD remainder of team stateside.

All government employees, including military will travel via MATS beyond TRAVIS and BNL sponsored personnel will travel commercial to Honolulu and MATS beyond Honolulu. I will procure and send BNL sponsored persons round trip tickets if they will let me know what flight they want to leave on. The return reservation will be left open.

All civilians must have passports. It sometimes takes several months to get them so do not delay if you do not have a valid one already. All personnel must have International Immunization Cards with proper inoculations for Marshall Islands recorded.

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BNL sponsored personnel will travel under BNL per diem regulations. Keep all hotel receipts for reimbursement. Six dollars a day will be allowed for subsistence and taxi fares, official phone calls and certain miscellaneous expenses such as passport cost are reimbursable. Tips are not.

Travel light. Aside from one traveling winter suit (to be left behind at Hawaii) take only light summer clothes such as kaki pants, shorts, T-shirts, aloha shirt, sneakers, bathing suit, and camera, swim fins, goggles, snorkel. Take travel checks rather than cash. They can be cashed in Kwajalein where you will probably want to buy some souvenirs from the ships' store.

If there are other questions and I am sure there will be, don't hesitate to write. I will keep you informed of our plans. Looking forward to having you with us. Best regards.

Sincerely,

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