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Mr. S. H. Cooke, Editor Western Fisheries 818 Richards Street Vancouver, Canada

Dear Mr. Cooke:

This is in reply to your letter dated March 10, 1948. There is no evidence to suggest that the Bikini tests had any marked effect on the fish schools or the plankton, etc., on which they feed. I can assure you that we are all vitally conscious of the necessity of preventing such effect by any activities of the Atomic Energy Commission, and I feel that the results thus far show no hazard involved. We shall continue to be cautious for many years.

Yours sincerely,

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