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Dear Dr. Conard:

Although everything went smoothly for the patients going through Honolulu both ways, something evidently went wrong at Kwajalein. When Mr. Rasmussen was at Kwajalein, he had everything worked out so the T. T. would take care of them while waiting for the boat. Mr. Rasmussen called Dale and told him to meet them on the 20th. After getting a letter from Mr. Edmond, Mr. Rasmussen called Dale and he said he was off the Island and did not seem to know much about what was going on. By the time we received the letter the patients had departed for Rongelap. Although we have the responsibility for coordinating the activities out here, we are writing this letter to advise you of the situation and our efforts to arrive at a solution. Copies of all correspondence is enclosed to give you the whole story.

Mr. Rasmussen is planning to visit Siapan to try to establish some ground rules for future operations. Since you have had many years experience in this program, would you please furnish your comments to the following as an aid to Mr. Rasmussen in his negotiations:

1. Do you know of any instances where AEC has paid per diem of \$6. 50 per day at Ebeye and \$9. 00 at Kwajalein. If so it appears we owe the patients \$6. 50 each per day for their stay at Ebeye. Have you had any discussions with T. T. on this?
2. Should we expect to receive a charge from T. T. for the transportation from Rongelap to Kwajalein and return?

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3. If there is further settlement to be made with the patients, you might wish to handcarry it to them on your next visit (in September we presume). The personal contact with appropriate explanations and assurance of our good faith may do much to pave the way for future similar missions.
4. Do you have any comments on the letter to Mr. Norwood as to the items to be covered during Mr. Rasmussen's visit, and any additional contacts and information that could be obtained that might be helpful? You seemed to have some opinions as to the T. T. responsibility in this program. Could you give us some specific areas you feel they might accept both financial and operational responsibility?
5. Are there any informal agreements you might have with the T. T. that we are not aware of? We would not want to conflict with any such arrangements. Although all other phases discussed at Kwajalein seem to be working well, the relationships with the T. T. still seem to be hazy. We hope this trip to Siapan will clear up some of the problems.
6. Edmond stated there were three buildings on Rongelap the Natives would like to have. Do you have a use for them?

We would appreciate having your comments as soon as possible since Mr. Rasmussen is planning the trip for the third week of August.

Very truly yours,

William A. Bonnet
Manager

Enclosures:

1. Ltr, Billiet Edmond to N. Rasmussen, 6-28-66
2. Ltr, N. Rasmussen to Billiet Edmond, 7-13-66
3. TWX, W. A. Bonnet to DISTAD Marshalls KT5, 140234Z
4. TWX, DISTAD REP Kwaj to USAEC Hono(Bonnet), 190443Z
5. Ltr, W. A. Bonnet to Billiet Edmond
6. Ltr, W. A. Bonnet to HIGOM (Norwood)

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