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Dear Sir:

Have meant to write you sooner but I have been very busy ever since trying to find any immediate transportation to Rongelap.

and are doing fine phisically. Their operations are yield up very fine.

Due to the plane delaying that time, we arrived at Kwajalein at 2:00 after midnight. I was very disappointed to see that no one was here to meet us but the securities. No accomodation was available therefore, a special trip was made to Ebeye.

We arrived at Ebeye at 4 o'clock in the morning. Here again, no body met us. Finding no other way, I then suggested that we be carrying our suitcases and handbags to where the Administration Quarter is. It is at the end of the island by the Coast Guard Station. It was about a mile walk under the dark and chilly night. In fact, it was raining before we arrived.

We were expecting someone to meet us at the administration building after not being able to meet anybody at the first and second places; here also it was the same.

We stayed up until the sun rose the next morning. Fortunately, the girls and found some friends who could spare some space in their houses to rest. I am most grateful to these people and most regret of these patients and hope you would too.

I met Mr. McKay and his Assistant, Mr. Natan Lejohn the other day for possible accomodation, food consumption and transportation arrangement during our staying here at Ebeye. Everything turned out impossible. In my case, I might as well say that I am better accomodated. I was given room here at the American personels' housing area while the women are patiently accomodated by their friends, whether they are comfortable or not, anxious to go home as quick as possible.

According to the food supply while we are here waiting for transportation, I was given \$39.00 on June 21, 1966 which could be last for roughly 13 days if I will pay my resturants' bills.

and do not have the advantage at such a case. I, strongly concern about them, therefore gave the said \$39.00 to them so that they could buy their food. Whereas I myself am using my own.

Sir, for all of our concern I do not willing to let either Dr. Conrad, you or whoever might involved in the matter of taking these patients out of their home. I therefore had withdrew some money from my saving at the Bank of Hawaii in order to provide these said

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patients. I had already given each one of them \$30.00 (thirty dollars) which make up the total of \$90.00 (ninety dollars). and _____ are the one including myself who are awaiting for transportation.

With your permission I will be willing to keep on providing these patients until they reach their home with food, and that is the most important aspect, if you and Dr. Conard will reimburse me on later date.

I do not know how much concern you would have had about these unfortunate people if you were here with them but I am fully regret about them. I am visiting them once in a while seeing that they are not happy at all. They were lucky enough to find any friends who could put them in their crowded houses, but the critical problem is that some money to be fed on.

This is our first week here at Ebeye, and I heard that we might spend another week or two before we will be able to go home. Shall I then proceed on to provide them another (\$90.00) ninety dollars for another ten days? Please advise me, Sir, on such suggestion.

I estimated the fair price in any of these restaurant here at Ebeye for 3 meals a day. I was then gave them \$3.00 (three dollars) a day which for these ten day starting from June 21 to 1st. of July I gave them the total of \$90.00 (nine-dollars) as mentioned above.

I thought I should do this for you and Dr. Conard concern for anticipating that it will be very difficult for any people from Rong-elap to be willing to undergo such mission as they did last year and this year. They are even putting the blame on me for such unfortunate situation.

I am trying myself to make any possible attempt in order to medigate their heart. I therefore withdrew my -part of my saving- to provide any means of food provision.

If you so agree sir, I will then proceed to provide food consumption if you or AEC will be willing to make possible reimbursement.

_____ and _____ are giving their best regards to Mrs. Rasmussen, _____, your sons and the entire neighbors.

They are looking forward to write you sooner.

Our keep on remembering as our only friends never end for ever.

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Sincerely yours,


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