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TO : J. E. Reeves, Manager
Nevada Operations Office

DATE: February 3, 1965

FROM : C. L. Dunham, M. D., Director, Division
of Biology and Medicine, Headquarters

SUBJECT: LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF AEC BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE PACIFIC AREA

During the past six months discussions have been held among representatives of the Nevada Operations Office, San Francisco Operations Office and the Division of Biology and Medicine to consider the feasibility of transfer of administration of certain activities in support of biomedical research projects in the Pacific area from SAN to NVOO. Specifically, these include the logistical support needs for the ecological and the medical surveys at Rongelap and for the Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory. The research portions of these projects are administered through other offices and contractors.

On the basis of these discussions, it is my understanding that such a transfer is desirable, and I therefore request your office to assist the Biology and Medicine Program in this manner, with an effective date of July 1, 1965. The San Francisco Office is prepared to provide the administrative procedural information necessary for an order by transition.

While the financial commitments for such support are subject to further review, it is our intention to include funds in the initial FY 1966 financial plan for the Nevada Operations Office at a level mutually acceptable to NVOO and DBM. For your information, these support activities are financed in the current fiscal year through SAN at a level of approximately \$30,000.

My staff and I would be pleased to discuss these programs in greater detail as may be necessary. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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