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*D/L Navy Dept  
Medical Follow-Up*

Dear Dr. Conard,

We got your letter of November 4, 1957 and are glad to learn that plans for your next visit are progressing nicely and is being scheduled a little earlier than previously anticipated.

As to your 3 Marshallese assistants, you could have Dr. John Isman from Ebeye. We will send a substitute to cover up Ebeye for the period he is with you at Rongelap. The other two assistants would be Nelson and who is now at Majuro. Arrangements for their meeting you at Kwajalein by 19 February could be arranged. We would like back to Majuro to complete his refresher training. At the same time both of us could discuss about Rongelap future health-aide.

The list of RITA children if submitted in advance with greatly help organizing this end of your scheduled survey.

We are sorry to learn that Drs Ed. Hall, Brad Cannon and Chief Schork are not able to join the survey team but always are glad to see new faces and to learn something worthwhile from them

A new item: Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Jorulej, the health-aide at Rongelap.

In his Sick-Call forms submitted here which records cases treated at the Rongelap dispensary, we noted quite a few cases diagnosed as IAMS. I wondered about this and wrote to inquiring if these were secondary infected impetigo lesions or actually lesions of Yaws. His reply is made clear in the enclosed letter which I think you would be interested to know.

Dr. Neas will be in Kwajalein 5 December. He will speak with the Commanding Officer, Navy Station Kwaj., and request a special flight to Rongelap. We believe that the Senior Medical Officer of the Navy Station may be willing to accompany Dr. John Isman, our medical officer on Ebeye, to Rongelap and assist in a through investigation of the situation.

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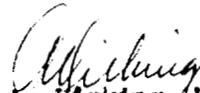
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I'll ask Dr. Issan to make a report of their study after looking things over at Rongelap.

Looking forward to seeing you next March.

Sincerely,



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Dist. Director of Public Health

Enclosure:

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