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Dear Dr. Sutow:

I was delighted to hear that you would be interested in joining our team to study the Marshallese. I would appreciate it if you would expediate the permission from the Hospital and University of Texas for your participation since I am anxious to get things on a firm basis. I will try and outline a few more particulars:

You would be absent about five weeks (I slightly underestimated the time in my last letter). Three weeks will be spent at Rongelap Island examining about 95 exposed people (about 60 children) and an equal number of unexposed people there. An additional few days will be spent on the Island of Majuro where we will reexamine about 20 unexposed children. Travel time about one week.

We will pay your traveling expenses and per diem on the trip. Would the hospital want us to pay your salary while away? If so we can probably arrange to do this. You will travel by air to Honolulu where you will meet the party, about February 24, 1958 and procede together via military aircraft to Kwajalein. The trip to Rongelap will be by ship (Navy LST) with comfortable quarters and the trip to Majuro by Navy plane. You will need a passport and International Immunization Card for the trip.

You would have the direct supervision of the growth and development studies both at Rongelap and Majuro.

I am anxious to review with you and get your suggestions on our growth and development data to date and plans for next year. I may try and arrange to visit you at Houston for this purpose sometime before long, if agreeable with you.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Conard, M.D.