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Mr. Maynard Neas
 District Administrator
 Marshall Island District
 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 Majuro, Marshall Islands

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Dear Maynard:

I would like at this time to bring you up to date on our plans for the medical survey in March. We have requested MATS reservations from the Commander, Hawaiian Sea Frontier (who has been designated by COM to assist our team in travel arrangements) to leave Hickam for Kwajalein about February 23 which we hope will allow us to arrive at Majuro a day or two prior to March 1 in order to get set up so we can begin examinations on March 1. Our examinations at Majuro should take about 21 days. I have requested the LST which is to be furnished us for the Utirik trip to arrive at Majuro on March 18 and depart with the team on March 22. This will give us several days to get the laboratory set up on the LST before departure for Utirik. We plan on arriving at Utirik on March 23 and spending about 6 to 7 days there, departing March 30 for Kwajalein. The above schedule might have to be altered slightly if Con Nav Sea Fron cannot get us reservations at the requested time.

Is it possible for you to notify the Utirik people of our plans? Also, if agreeable to you, we would like to include two Utirik people in our group going to Chicago with Jack Tobin and myself. Can we select two volunteers on our arrival at Utirik, or should the selection be made earlier? These two individuals could go back with us to Kwajalein to be joined there by Jack and the four Rongelap people plus William Allen. Since we will have to get a Navy plane to take the Majuro hospital technicians back to Majuro from Kwajalein, the same plane could bring Jack with the group back up to Kwajalein. When they get there, we can probably purchase certain clothing for the Marshallese at the Navy store, enough to get us to Pearl where we can make other necessary purchases. I will tell you and Jack about the financial support arrangements for the Chicago trip when I arrive.

By the way, in Mr. Nucker's letter of December 28 (Serial 4625) to Mr. Anthony T. Lausi, he states that I am aware that if Jack cannot go, William Allen could substitute. I am very much afraid, Maynard, that this

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wouldn't work out well since it takes someone with real stateside know-how in getting hotel reservations, handling transportation etc. en route, particularly on the return trip since I will not be accompanying the group back. So I sincerely hope Jack can go.

As you know, I have been in contact with Dr. Hicking about arrangements for the medical examinations, and I believe everything is in order.

Certainly appreciate the splendid help I am getting from you folks. Best regards to your wife and everyone on Majuro. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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