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FOLDER NIA MEDICAL SURVEY AGREEMENT

This is an agreement as of October 1961 between representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands regarding future medical surveys of the Marshallese people who were accidentally exposed to radioactive fallout in 1954.

1. It is agreed that examinations of the Marshallese people of Rongelap Island exposed to fallout in 1954, should be conducted annually by a group of medical specialists and technicians representing the Atomic Energy Commission and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

2. The details of the 1962 survey (the eighth annual survey) have heretofore been agreed upon. This examination will be conducted by a group of sixteen; it will cover both the exposed and unexposed population at Rongelap and will include the following: complete interval history and physical examinations; leukemia and cancer surveys; growth and development studies of the children; special examinations of the eyes for opacities or the lens; skin examinations; routine and special hemotological examinations; urine examinations; and x-ray studies.

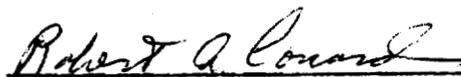
3. In 1963, 1964, and 1965 examinations will be about the same as outlined for 1962. However, the 1963 examination will include the people of Utirik Island and in 1964 or 1965 examinations at Rongelap will include an evaluation of the body burdens of radio-nuclides necessitating the use of the twenty-one ton steel room.

4. On completion of the 1965 survey an eleven year post-exposure period will have been covered. At that time a re-evaluation of the medical status of the people will be reviewed by the Atomic Energy Commission and Trust Territory medical personnel to determine the scope of future annual surveys. Dependent on the findings at that time, evaluation may indicate continued annual surveys of the same or possibly increased magnitude or may indicate that smaller annual surveys on alternate years (possibly involving only the exposed population may be acceptable). In any event it is agreed that for the foreseeable

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future regardless of the size of the survey, annual assessments of the medical status of the Rongelap people should take place on Rongelap Island with participation by representatives of both the Trust Territory and the Atomic Energy Commission.

5. It is further agreed that the senior medical representatives of the Trust Territory and the Atomic Energy Commission participating in the survey will sign a joint statement at the end of each survey outlining a preliminary estimate of the medical status of the people.



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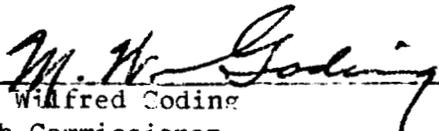


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