

Pacific survey

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Dr. Paul Zignam
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Dear Dr. Zignam:

The last group of samples from the second Rongelap re-survey which we received recently, included several inconsistencies with the data which accompanied it. We received samples of coconut numbered 573, 575, and 577. I am assuming that these are identical with the samples from Eniatok numbered 572, 574, and 576. We have a sample numbered 757, which is a water sample, and according to your data sheet, which is listed as arrowroot, from Uterik. We have a soil sample numbered 655, which I do not find in your list. Sample number 588 (pandanus) does not appear on your list. Sample number 790, also pandanus, was duplicated. On this sample, can you give me any information as to which is number 790, and what the other bag should have been numbered.

If you would be kind enough to check your master sample list and straighten out these inconsistencies, I would certainly appreciate it. I am holding these samples for processing until I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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