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Chief of Naval Operations
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Dear Sir:

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FOR GETTMAN

Navy support of a radiobiological survey of the Bikini Lagoon is requested. This survey will be of three weeks' duration, beginning July 1, by Atomic Energy Commission contractor, Dr. Lauren R. Donaldson, School of Applied Fisheries, University of Washington, Seattle.

The survey party, in charge of Dr. Donaldson, will consist of twelve civilians and would require one vessel of LOI size, having deck working space under awning, running salt water and power supply for special equipment of AEC, either 110-volt alternating or direct current. In addition, three motor torres plus rubber life rafts and shallow water diving gear would be required.

Dr. Donaldson was present at Sandstone Test and has contacted Captain R. J. Vest, USN, Commandant at Kwajalein, who is prepared to support the survey, and has stated that facilities can be provided. The survey and its requirements have been reviewed with Captain J. S. Russell, USN. Dr. Donaldson completed a survey of Eniwetok lagoon following Sandstone.

Sincerely yours,

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