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SUBJECT: Potential Funded research/teaching grant with Brookhaven National Laboratories under DOE Program for Nuclear Radiation Medicine with Marshallese people of the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific.

1. During my January 22-24th visit to Kwajalein Island for our MSSM Graduation Recognition Ceremony Dr. Hugh Pratt, M.D. Director of the Brookhaven National Laboratories program for monitoring the nuclear radiation effects on the Marshallese people, contacted me with the following proposal:

A. Brookhaven is searching for a University to act as a free-association sub-contractor to accomplish a systems analysis of the currently envisioned program.

B. Dr. Hugh Pratt's assumption of the Directorship of this program coincides with a renewed United States interest/effort to assist the people previously effected and potentially effected by nuclear readiation resulting from U.S. nuclear weapons testing at the Bikini Atoll. There is a linkage to this renewed effort and the pending new political status of the Marshall Islands, currently under negotiation at Saipan, Trust Territory Headquarters.

C. Brookhaven originally approached the University of Hawaii, but discovered this month that their interests and capabilities did not suit the Brookhaven needs.

D. The Systems Analysis would be primarily a medical delivery systems approach but the inclusion of Systems Management expertise as well as representation from anthropology and sociology disciplines would be appropriate. It would, therefore, involve an interdisciplinary team from one University covering medicine, systems management, anthropology and sociology.

E. The reputation of the USC Medical School and the existence of our MSSM program in the Marshall Islands make USC now a logical University.

F. Would USC be interested?

2. A partially related aspect is that the Marshallese people have received no formal training for assumption of mid-management and top-management responsibilities which will be forthcoming when the current political status negotiations <sup>and</sup> ISSM seems to be an appropriate provider of such education under its MSSM program or a special program to be created.

3. Dr. William Burr, DOE Director of Environmental Health and Dr. Walter Weyzen, DOE are the Brookhaven contacts. Dr. Gene Cronkite and Dr. Victor Bond, at Brookhaven, are the responsible individuals but Dr. Pratt requests that any first contact be made with him (Dr. Hugh Pratt, Medical Department, Brookhaven National Laboratories, Upton, N.Y. 11973. . . phone 516/345-3577.

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