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PROPOSED LIKTANUR II USERS PLANNING GROUP (LUPG) MEETING

We are pleased to inform you that the DOE has entered into a long term subcontract with U.S. Oceanography to provide ship support for our Marshall Island programs.

The Liktanur II is a 115 foot, wide beam oceanographic vessel which has undergone extensive modifications to provide a comfortable and efficient platform for both our medical and environmental programs. The first mission will be the annual full scale BNL medical trip, leaving Kwajalein on January 25th and returning February 9th.

We want to take full advantage of this resource, thus, after clearing it with Dr. William Robison, propose to hold our annual LUPG scheduling meeting on February 15th, at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. BNL and PASO personnel who participate in the first mission will be on hand to relate their experience and views on vessel performance. There had been a previous proposal to schedule the meeting on February 10th in conjunction with the Mid-Pacific Marine Laboratory Workshop in Monterey but after phone conversation with the Chairman LUPC, Roger Ray, and the regular users, February 15th emerged as a more convenient time.

In order to complete our scheduling task and to discuss related matters of mutual interest it would be helpful if you have your requirements laid out ahead of time. Some users may even wish to exchange ideas prior to the meeting as to the feasibility of conducting 2 or more missions on the same voyage.

The following general information may be useful as you make your plans:

- 1. Liktanur II can support about 15 persons over and above the crew. Bunk facilities are air conditioned and there are adequate messing, shower and toilet facilities.*

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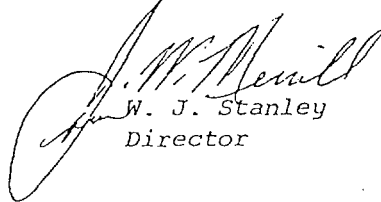
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2. Below decks, in addition to a large bunking area, there is a hold 10' x 25' containing a lab facility, portable x-ray, and a darkroom.
3. Liktanur II draws 8', has a 35 ton hydraulic crane amidships, and will be able to load and unload heavy equipment and personnel onto barges which will serve as a platform from the ship to the beach on most islands.
4. Two 27' vans have been modified to provide medical examination facilities, each with 3 air conditioned rooms. They will be located athwartships and are removable so as to provide adequate deck space for heavy equipment as required on non-medical missions.
5. The DOE subcontract with U.S. Oceanography allows for use of the vessel at sea for an average not to exceed 60 days per quarter.


We will hold February 15th as a firm date unless unusual circumstances force a change, and we ask all of you to let us know if you or a representative of your organization plan to attend. The point of contact in the PASO office is Harry Brown, FTS San Francisco 556-0220 and ask for (808) 422-9211. The exact starting time and room number at Livermore will be furnished in the next week or so.

In the meantime, the Liktanur II is open for a second mission in the latter part of February. Since we need more lead time for that time frame than can evolve from our February 15th meeting, we ask that you contact this office before February 1st should you have a need for the vessel. We hope you plan to attend and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


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