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Dear Roger:

Thank you for your note and the accounts which underscore the sensitivities that exist with regard to the use of observations on the Bikini people for research purposes.

At the present time I have suggested only that the scientific value and feasibility be evaluated. Perhaps in view of sensitivities and potential political ramifications even such an evaluation is unwise. Certainly any evaluation that is done must recognize that the data can be obtained only with the consent, support, and cooperation of the Bikini people and these are by no means assured.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "NFB".

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cc: T. Roderick, w/inc. ✓



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