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Dr. Robert Conard
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Dear Dr. Conard:

Thank you for your letter of June 28, 1978, and the copy of your field report of the annual medical survey of last March-April, 1978, which included a section on the examinations on Bikini Island.

A copy of your report will be submitted to the House Interior Subcommittee on Appropriations since Chairman Sidney R. Yates requested that a copy of the report be inserted in the June 19, 1978, hearing records. As you know, there was confusion as to just when you last had examined the residents of Bikini Island. There also was considerable confusion as to what purportedly was said to the residents about eating of coconuts now growing on Bikini Island.

I was also pleased to receive the copy of the report on status of the Rongelap-Utirik fallout victims.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE

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