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Mr. Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Is. %950

Dear Mr. Winkel,

There has been misunderstanding among the Rongelap people about our role in the compensation bill. Some of the people feel that I am responsible for all of the people not getting compensation. I understand your representative will be accompanying Dr. Knudsen to Rongelap and Utirik next week to explain the bill. I am attaching a letter I wrote to the Magistrate of Rongelap explaining our position with regard to the bill. I thought this might be helpful to your representative who may be able to help set the record straight.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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Mrs. Van Cleve Dr. Weyzen