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Dear Jim,

I understand from Walter Weyzen that you have agreed to at least consider making the trip to the Marshalls to discuss the medical program early next month. This letter is to encourage you to do so and to make a few suggestions which I hope you will find helpful.

First of all, when you transit Honolulu please call upon our office there for whatever assistance you may require. We shall be pleased to help with hotel accommodations, local transportation, on-going reservations and the like. I hope also that this may present an opportunity for you to meet Dr. Philip Helfrich who is now Associate Dean for Research at the University of Hawaii and who has agreed to serve temporarily as Director of our lab at Enewetak.

For the trip to Kwajalein, I have no special suggestions. It is a military base with all support services and creature comforts. For the trip to Utirik and Rongelap, however, we may expect to be aboard a Trust Territory ship, and to go ashore by small boat. Thus, I suggest a couple of pairs of shorts and open neck or tee shirts. For the meetings at both places, custom would suggest slacks and a shirt with a collar (an open neck "luau" shirt is fine). For the entire voyage tennis shoes are both appropriate and practical. A cap with visor, and sunglasses are advisable. Finally, it sometimes gets



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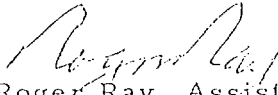
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cool at night on the ships so I have found a light tennis jacket helpful. All of the things I have suggested may be purchased at Kwajalein, if necessary.

No passport or visa is required for U. S. citizens entering the Trust Territory. Simple identification will suffice. The visit to Kwajalein and flights aboard military aircraft require official travel orders and I have instructed our Honolulu Office to prepare those.

The trip to the Marshalls as we now have it planned will afford you an excellent opportunity to see first hand the good and the bad aspects of life as it is in the outer islands and to get an idea of how we and our programs are perceived. You will also meet and travel with the key people in the Trust Territory administration upon whom we depend for advice, assistance and support and who depend upon us in some very essential ways. Your participation in this trip will be seen as clear evidence that we take most seriously our responsibilities and commitments and that when people speak their concerns we listen. I urge you to make that special effort.

Sincerely,


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