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17 April 1979

Mr. C. E. Otterman
Owner, LIKTANUR II
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Dear Mr. Otterman:

With reference to your letter of 13 April 1979, I find the LIKTANUR II, O.N. 572028, an oceanographic research vessel as defined in Section 441 of Title 46 United States Code. An oceanographic research vessel is not considered a "passenger vessel", a "vessel carrying passengers", or a "passenger carrying vessel" under the provisions of the U.S. merchant vessel inspection and manning laws. Additionally, an oceanographic research vessel shall not be deemed to be engaged in trade or commerce. However, all other regulations remain applicable.

You are reminded that my determination is predicated upon the assurance that the LIKTANUR II is being employed exclusively in instruction in oceanography or limnology, or both, or exclusively in oceanographic research.

If your vessel, at any time, engages in any trade or commerce, it will no longer be considered an oceanographic research vessel and will be subject to the applicable provisions of laws and regulations governing such activities.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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A. D. UTARA
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
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	FY	79	80	81	82	83
Project Funding	\$	1235	1413	1580	3000	3500
Projected Deficit			(1000)			
Research Vessel			(1500-2000)	-	-	-

The medical program in the Marshall Islands in FY 1979 is comprised of medical surveillance of people on Uterik and Rongelap and limited surveillance of persons that were repatriated from Bikini to Majuro and Kili.

In FY 1980 it is fully expected that all persons that reside on Bikini will be included in the medical program. Baseline medical information will have to be collected on persons scheduled to return to Eniwetok. As a separate effort in FY 1980 it may be necessary to do a medical survey of some 600 persons present at Likiep in 1954 with an additional cost of 1 MB. FY 81 will, depending on medical findings, include persons of Uterik, Rongelap, Bikinians on Majuro and Kili, and 600 persons on Likiep.

It is also anticipated that based on radiological surveillance results other population groups (unknown number) may have to be included. The budget number for FY 1980 represents this anticipated expansion of the Pacific program.

A separate problem arises by more than tripling the population in FY 80 or 81 and that is travel between the islands. The presently chartered ship is inadequate to accommodate an expanded program. If adequate medical surveillance is to be conducted, it is essential that funds be made available during FY 80 for purchase of a 175 foot ship. The estimated cost for the ship and furnishings is \$1,500,000-2,000,000.

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