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Dear Ernie:

Just received your letter and am delighted that you have permission to participate in the survey.

In regard to Ken's participation this year, after talking it over with people here I am afraid that this will not be possible. Since under our sponsorship we would have to process him as a member of the team (per diem, clearance, etc.) and due to the fund shortage and time limit here it is not feasible to include him now. Even though ALC Sono would pay his travel expenses, if he were not an official participating member of the team, Brookhaven would still be held legally responsible in case of accident. You know that I would be most happy to have Ken participate and am sure that he would do an excellent job for us. We can certainly keep him in mind in regard to future surveys.

I told Bill about your request not to purchase staple food items until we heard further from you. My thought was that it would be wise to send this part of our food supplies on the U-Boat with the advance party. Does this mean that you expect to arrive in Kwajalein prior to departure of the U-Boat? Were you planning on going up to Rongelap on the U-Boat? The U-Boat is scheduled to leave Kwaj on February 15th I believe.

Sincerely,

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