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PLAN FOR MARSHALL ISLANDS RESEARCH VESSEL

At a meeting with Dr. Liverman on June 13 it was agreed that Drs. Forster and Marks would develop a plan for the acquisition and use of a research vessel to serve several AEC program needs in the Marshall Islands. These programs and the Tr approximate operating levels in FY-74 are:

Eniwetok Marine Biology Laboratory	100 K
Plutonium Biogeochemistry	200 K
Medical Surveys of the Marshallese	100 K
Eniwetok and Bikini Radiological Surveys	100 K

They will present this plan at a meeting with Dr. Liverman during the week of July 9. Representatives of DMA (Gay), DOS (Deal), and involved contractors BNL (Conard) and LLL (Noshkin) will be invited to participate.

The plan will:

- 1. anticipate ship costs not to exceed 100 K/year;
- identify acquisition, modification and operating costs for candidate vessels and discuss their capability for meeting program requirements;
- 3. include specific budgets for individual programs in FY-74, FY-75 and following years; and
- 4. recommend administrative arrangement for ship operation and overall program coordination.

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