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Dear Sir:

Have received your most humble and friendly letter that concerned health and situation as a result of the last medical examination. To me it was a most fortunate thing and wise thing to have go to the United States for that she could have the finest treatment and best of all the services there has been compare with the situation and services we have in the trust territory. There is not doubt will have the best treatment, uncomparable to what we have in this territory, in the United States. For that reason we, and I, agreed one and foremost to take the chance to go.

I hope, to speak on behalf of better treatment will be given to her so that she could be safe from her thyroid trouble. I am very pleased also to see that will have a chance to see United States and have a little experience of the outside world other than these tiny islands of the Marshalls. It will be a great change to her very limited knowledge about the other places outside the Marshalls. It will be strange to her all through her entire trip about everything.

As to what the people think about going to the United States for med. treatment, everyone seems to accept it a great thing, of course it is great, but for those who had the chances and had gone during the past years, all except the very first group to Chicago, complaining that situation on Ebeye while patients are waiting for transportation to go to the United States as well as when they are coming back and wait for transportation home, is still a problem, distressing problem, yet to be improved. ✓

Everyone complained that the worst problem they always encountered at Ebeye has been housings and food provision. Upon arrival at Kwajalein, "the previous patients, said we were told to find our relatives to stay with without any food allowance at all while waiting for transportation." Others complained about the same thing. It is a shame because the people of Ebeye are struggling for their lives in order to survive with a very small money and to them, to add up another relative is a displeasing problem. Thus makes the relatives on Ebeye, at any rate, make suggestion that the council on Rongelap ought to find out before-hand should a patient be provided with food allowance and lodging while they are on Ebeye awaiting transportation to their destination so that the relatives would bear no distressing burden as such. I think they are right on that and I hope you will agree on that too. I would not agree with them, though, suggesting that these patients should stay from going to have their treatment in the United States once they know they are not well looking after here at Ebeye.

Frankly, I would go on with the confidence that will not be encountered by any bad situation forementioned. I would only ask that you will see that she will be well treated and supported until she get back home safely and fine. It is very conceivable that will be one that likely to be exposed to such hazardous problems since she is only one that is going from Rongelap and others are going from Ebeye. They had places to stay already and will not have to weary about transportation and food provisions and leaves.

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alone to carry such problems only if it will be happened again as it has been most of the times patients travel for treatments in the United States.

I would only pray that will be well taking care of and well provided with accomodation, living or rather food alloance and transportation. And one other important thing to consider is that she should ~~prev~~ be provided fast transportation without staying a while at Ebeye for months. She has 6-month-old child who never as yet being fed any other foods other than mother milk. I hope all realize how hard it is to the child to be separated from his mother's milk for the first time. And for that reason I hope you will share a good consideration and to see to it that we only expect all but impossibility.

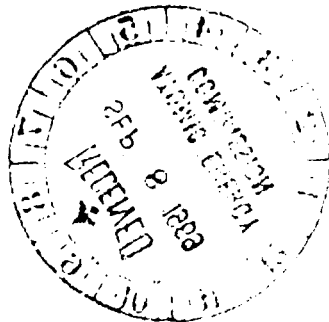
I hope all promises that were made about such problems to be corrected as previously occoured will be smoothly carried out once and for all. As a friend, I hope our friendly relation will be in good nature now and always. ✓

I am looking forward to see you again. Give my best regard to Mrs. Conard and family.

May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

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