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CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS OF BIKINI PEOPLE

I recommend that you request ENL (Bender) to prepare a proposal for chromosome analysis of the Bikini people.

Roderick's memo of April 24, 1975, indicates to me the consensus is that such measurements are feasible and might yield information on chromosome aberrations at low doses and rates having both practical and scientific value.

Logistics, competence, and interest all seem to indicate that ENL might be in the best position to plan and to conduct such a program if it is initiated. Bob Conard is in a unique position to guide planning to minimize adverse reaction on the part of the Enewetak people and to discourage unnecessary planning if it appears acceptance of the program is unlikely.

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