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Dear Mr. Aldredge:

I appreciate very much your sending me the information concerning your cancer of the thyroid. It would certainly be difficult to know if there was any definite correlation between the radiation exposure that you incurred and the later development of the thyroid abnormality. Offhand, I would not guess that you received very much thyroid radiation from the exposure.

So far as I know, there are no checks being made on the many thousands of men who have been involved in the atomic bomb testing program. It would be a mammoth job to locate these men, much less determine the possible radiation exposure.

As you know, the exposure of the Rongelap people was quite heavy and it does not seem likely that the sporadic exposure to considerably smaller doses on ships could have resulted in any such thyroid findings as found in the Marshallese.

Again, I appreciate your writing me and should you hear of any other cases similar to yours, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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