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Re: People of Bikini v. Seamans, et al.

Dear Mr. deYoung:

In accordance with paragraph 1 of the November 1, 1975 Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by all parties in the above case, the following is a proposed list of scientists and medical doctors acceptable to plaintiffs to serve on a medical panel which will plan and oversee the examinations of Bikinians who have been on the island in the past ten years:

1. Dr. Niel H. Wald

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University of Pittsburgh
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15261

Dr. Wald, who has written extensively in the field of radiation medicine, has previously supervised teams of doctors who examined victims of nuclear accidents at Oak Ridge.

2. Dr. J. William Hollingsworth

Department of Medicine
University of Kentucky Medical Center
600 Rose Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40506

Dr. Hollingsworth received his M.D. from Duke in 1948, and joined the faculty at Yale in 1956, serving from 1962-1967 as Associate Professor and Head of the Rheumatology Department.

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Since 1968 he has been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Dr. Hollingsworth headed the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Japan from 1958-1960 and is familiar with the work of Dr. Conard.

3. Dr. Arthur Tamplin

National Resources Defense Council, Inc.
917 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dr. Tamplin, whose area of expertise involves the public health aspects of the exposure of humans to plutonium, received his B.A. in biochemistry and his Ph.D. in biophysics from the University of California at Berkeley. He was at the Biomedical Division of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory from 1963 through January 1, 1975, and is now with the National Resources Defense Council.

4. Dr. Ray Shulman

Building 10
Room 9N-250
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dr. Shulman, whose main field of expertise is hematology (with some experience in internal medicine), received his M.D. from Johns Hopkins in 1947 and has been the Chief of the Clinical Hematology Branch at the National Institute Arthritis Metabolic Digestive Diseases at NIH since 1959. He was involved with medical examinations and treatment of the people of Rongelab in 1954 under the direction of Dr. Eugene Cronkite, who is presently associated with the National Laboratory at Brookhaven.

It should be noted that Dr. Shulman is the uncle of Jonathan M. Weisgall, one of the attorneys for plaintiffs.

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5. Dr. Brown M. Dobyns

Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital
3395 Scranton Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44109

Dr. Dobyns, whose specialty is in radiation effects, received his M.D. in 1939 from Johns Hopkins University. He was at the Mayo Clinic for seven years, and then spent eight years at Harvard Medical School, where he was in the Department of Surgery. For the last 22 years he has been Professor of Surgery at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. Dr. Dobyns examined patients on Rongelab in 1967 with Dr. Conard, and he has operated on more than half of the people of Rongelab and Uterik who have had thyroid operations.

6. Dr. Louis H. Hempelmann

University of Rochester Medical Center
Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, New York 14644

Dr. Hempelmann, whose chief area of expertise also involves the effects of radiation in humans, received his M.D. in 1938 from Washington University in St. Louis. From 1943 to 1948 he was the leader of the Health Division at Los Alamos, and he has been at the University of Rochester since 1950. He is currently Professor of Experimental Radiology and was Chairman of the Radiation Department from 1960 through 1971.

7. Dr. Victor Archer

National Institute of Occupational
Safety and Health
P. O. Box 8137
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Dr. Archer's area of expertise also involves the effects of radiation exposure on humans. He has expressed interest in serving on the panel, but he has not been at his office for the past several weeks. He will, however, return to Salt Lake City soon after December 1, at which point we should receive a definite answer from him.

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8. Dr. Robert Pendleton

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University of Utah
100 Orson Spencer Hall
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Dr. Pendleton's area of expertise is also in the effects of radiation exposure on humans. Like Dr. Archer, he, too, will be unavailable until next week, and we therefore will not be in a position until then to state whether he would definitely be willing to serve on the panel.

We will contact you with regard to the availability of Doctors Pendleton and Archer as soon as we hear from them. In the meantime we anticipate a letter from you on or before December 22, 1975, in accordance with paragraph 2 of our November 1 Memorandum of Understanding.

Very truly yours,

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