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From: The Chief of Naval Operations
To: The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Via: Director, Division of Biology and Medicine
Director, Division of Military Applications

Subject: Radiobiological Survey of Bikini Lagoon.

Reference: (a) AEC Secret ltr BM:SW, dated May 28, 1948.
(b) AEC Conf ltr BM:JHP, dated June 14, 1948.

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1. In compliance with request contained in reference (a), the Navy will support a radiobiological survey of Bikini Lagoon to the extent requested in the basic letter and developed further by informal conference.

2. For purposes of this survey, the survey party is authorized to visit and conduct such surveys as it considers required in Bikini Lagoon and Eniwetok Lagoon.

3. Travel via Military Air Transport Service with a Priority TWO has been authorized from San Francisco to Kwajalein and return. Individual travel orders have been issued for the members of the party and will be in the custody of the Liaison Officer of the party. One thousand pounds of excess freight have been authorized in addition to the personal baggage of the members of the party. It is understood that the Atomic Energy Commission will arrange transportation for all members of the expedition and their gear to the San Francisco area.

District Intelligence Officers of the Navy Districts closest to the homes of the civilian members of the party have been authorized to issue identification cards for the expedition. In view of the fact that a statement that citizenship has been determined by the Intelligence Officer concerned, to obtain these cards it will be necessary for each member of the party to visit the District Intelligence Officer personally and present at that time evidence of citizenship. Lieutenant J. J. Schmidt, USN, has been ordered on temporary additional duty to report

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to Washington, D. C., for briefing by the Atomic Energy Commission, and then to act as liaison officer for the expedition and to coordinate the activities of the expedition with the activities of the Island Commander at Kwajalein.

For purposes of security, it is understood that only official persons will accompany the expedition and that all film exposed will be processed under the supervision of the Atomic Energy Commission. It is requested that any news releases concerning the expedition be cleared both by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Director of Public Relations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

6. The mailing address for the expedition will be c/o Island Commander, Kwajalein, Nav 824, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

7. It is understood that an allocation of \$20,000 has been made to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts to cover extraordinary expenses incurred by the expedition. The cost of travel incurred by any personnel in the Navy assisting in the expedition will be properly chargeable to such an allotment.

8. Your attention is invited to the existing instructions issued to the Commander-in-Chief Pacific and Pacific Fleet which provide: "You will not be responsible for the safety measures adopted to protect the members of duly authorized scientific and survey parties from radiological hazards. This responsibility will rest with the senior member of the party".

9. For purposes of facilitating communications, it is requested that the public expedition be known as the "1948 Radiological Survey".

10. It is understood that the expedition will consist of the following: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) and (6) others.

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11. Early confirmation of the provisions indicated above is requested.

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