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Dear Tom,

Two copies of a JTF SEVEN letter to CTG 7.3 are being sent to Los Alamos (Attn: Dr. Graves and Dr. Ogle) covering the general subject of lagoon radiological contamination. Attached to these letters is a draft copy of the proposed RadSafe Annex to our forthcoming Operation Order 1-53. I have asked John Servis to be sure it gets to you for your information. I would like to add, however, that both John and I would very much appreciate your comments and recommendations on the annex. Our Operation Order 1-53 will be designed to carry the over-all JTF directives up to the on-site phase, and will be followed, as on IVY, with a 2-53 for on-site activities. In this connection, my attempt to set down a listing of RadSafe regulations in this annex was motivated primarily by a desire to approach a settlement on the "ship operation versus lagoon contamination" problem. To be complete, other problems amenable to regulation were also included in the annex for whatever value they would have in planning for the on-site work. You will notice that I left out water sampling at off-site atolls. This is because we have taken a "black and white" stand, considering CINCPAC as the responsible agency outside the two atolls.

In regard to the lagoon contamination study, you will note in the above letters that we plan a conference with CTG 7.3 and staff to go over all aspects of the matter and for indoctrination and injection of solutions into operational problems. In addition to the representatives of TG 7.1, I would like to extend an invitation to you, or some member of your division, to attend the conference if you so desire. To date we have no indication as to the identity of the new CTG 7.3, but expect that he will be aboard by 1 June 1953. The conference should take place about that time.

Referring back to our conversations relative to a Task Force Radiologist, I have discussed this matter with McDonnel of AFSWP. The present state of affairs is that I seem to have two possible solutions.

a. Take you up on your offer of one of your men (Rothermel would be preferable due to his field grade), or

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