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Mr. Joseph D. Deal
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U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
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Dear Joe:

I wish to bring to your attention the general and specific interests of the Laboratory of Radiation Ecology in Rongelap, Bikini and Eniwetok programs. This subject has been discussed previously by telephone with Tommy McCraw.

In general, the Laboratory has a continuing interest in ecological studies related to the former Pacific Test Site and is anxious to participate in such programs. The scope of our participation in some projects may be limited by the size of the Laboratory and its commitment to other programs but with a reasonable lead time, these problems can often be resolved.

In regard to specific programs, Bob Conrad called today and extended an invitation to send one person from our Laboratory to join his field party at Rongelap next March-April. We suggested Vic Nelson, providing we have NVOO approval for the use of Vic on this mission, and Bob approved the suggestion. I understand that you have an interest in additional environmental radiation measurements at Bikini and that this may be appended to Conrad's Rongelap field trip. Vic could make a significant contribution to the Bikini field program, also.

If Vic does participate, we would not require supplemental funds except, perhaps, for per diem expenses and unless there was a large number of samples for laboratory analyses. To be more specific about this item we would need to know what the program would be and then discuss the subject with NVOO.

In regard to future programs, we understand that Bob Conrad submitted a proposal for work beginning in FY75 that includes environmental studies by others at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Also, we understand from Tommy that your Division may be looking to our Laboratory for support, especially in the marine aspects of the program. If so, we stand prepared to discuss this matter or to assist at any time.

With best regards,

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