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ENIWETOK SURVEY

Your memorandum of September 15, subject as above, has been read with great interest. The plans for the survey, analysis, and assessment have been formulated by the September 19-20 meeting along the lines you have suggested. Your staff at this meeting made known the major points you discussed, and, where possible, these points were incorporated into the planning effort. Further, your draft plan for the survey was timely, well conceived, and provided the Nevada Operations Office with the basis upon which to mount the field effort.

Among other things discussed at the September 19-20 meeting was the organization for the conduct of the survey. This organization reflects my message to Mr. Gates of September 13 that NV was to plan, organize, and conduct the radiological field survey of Eniwetok. This directive was quite explicit in giving NV the leading role in the field effort including the authority to select personnel to accomplish the task. Anticipating this directive, Mr. Gates on August 25, 1972, requested that Dr. Batzel furnish NV with an individual who could act as the technical director for the survey. Dr. Batzel subsequently assigned Dr. W. E. Nervik as this individual.

At no time have Mr. Gates or I, explicitly or implicitly, assigned LLL or any other laboratory the leading technical role in this survey. This role remains with NV and I contemplate no change. This, in my view, is the best approach for this field effort to take in order to achieve the objectivity and credibility of data gathering you address in paragraphs 2 and 3 of your memorandum. In short, paragraph 4 of that memorandum misstates a fact in that no laboratory has been assigned the lead technical role for the cleanup or survey of Eniwetok.

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As you know, Dr. Nervik on behalf of NV has been assembling the best qualified and available men to conduct this survey within the time constraints imposed by my directive. Among those offered a position in this survey are Drs. E. E. Held and A. H. Seymour of the University of Washington. It appears that both will participate in varying degrees. In addition, the full cooperation of NV has been directed to assist Dr. C. Richmond of LASL in obtaining measurements of body burdens of plutonium, as requested by your memorandum of September 15, subject: Measurement of Body Burdens of Plutonium.

Your advice and experience in the technical aspects of this survey are quite welcome and will continue to be solicited as are inputs from members of the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research. I am particularly gratified to note that Mr. McCraw of your division will be able to participate actively in the survey. Obtaining the best survey possible is a desire we all share. One of the many facets for achieving this is maintaining the integrity of established lines of responsibilities. Another is to continue to effect the responsibilities of the technical divisions of this Headquarters such as are identified in your memorandum. I believe we are doing this. Any suggestions to correct discrepancies in such areas will certainly be welcome at any time.

(signed)
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