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Dear Chuck:

I would like to briefly summarize the progress of the highlights of the recent survey. Everything really went very smoothly and was planned at the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the Trust Territory officials.

Bill Scott (medical technician) and I arrived at Eniwetok March 9th. Dr. Ezra Riklon, the general doctor at Eniwetok, had about ten Rongelap people and a few others here for quarantine. Fernal and Shippey, in charge of the Trust Territory health service, had allowed us to land and set up our camp.

The Navy Flaw us to Eniwetok on the 15th. Dr. John... practitioner who has taken Dr. Riklon's place at Eniwetok, had rounded up several Rongelap people to be examined as well as a few children for height and weight measurements as part of the growth and development control group. These examinations were completed the following day.

Mr. Maynard Neas, Dr. B. B. McDonald and I carried out final arrangements for the survey at Rongelap. The survey team consisted of the following people in addition to Dr. McDonald, Bill Scott and myself: Dr. Ezra Riklon, Dr. Isaac Izari and two technicians, Flosser and Sabie, and in addition, Dr. Jaffe and one of his dental technicians went along to carry out dental examinations. Mr. Neas also accompanied the group. He went along apparently to look into the agricultural situation on Rongelap. We sailed on the Foges, the Trust Territory cargo ship, on Wednesday morning the 16th, arriving at Eniwetok one day later where we picked up Dr. Ezra and our three medical boxes which contained mainly the electronic Coulter counter and laboratory equipment. We did not sail for Rongelap until the afternoon of the 18th since, in view of Captain Moore's unfamiliarity with Rongelap lagoon, he wished to arrive at Eniwetok when the sun would be to his back as he entered the lagoon in order to steer through the coral heads. When we dropped anchor in the lagoon of Rongelap village on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Neil Morris, the agriculturalist, had been living on the island for the past year and had been in charge of the agricultural program.

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