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**FROM: BOB ALVALEX**  
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August 31, 1990

Mr. Bob Alvarez  
Senate Government Affairs Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

Enclosed is the Rongelap Resolution we have discussed, along with a copy of a Holmes & Narver announcement (with attachments) that Brookhaven National Labs will be visiting the Rongelap people on Mejatto the first of September.

As I mentioned to you, I just returned from the Marshalls. I am not sure that this resolution has been passed on to the Department of Energy, and fear as a consequence a potential confrontation should Mr. Harry Brown be on board the Brookhaven ship during its visit to Mejatto.

Sincerely yours,

  
E. Cooper Brown

enclosures

*Tom Ball's ...*  
DOE

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
May 20 , 1990

**A RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE RONGELAP ATOLL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS in 1982 the U.S. Department of Energy transferred its Marshall Islands medical and environmental health and safety programs, including those involving Rongelap, from the DOE Office of Environmental Protection, Safety and Emergency Preparedness ("EP") to DOE Defense Programs ("DP");

WHEREAS according to a March 23, 1982 Department of Energy memorandum, the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs urged immediate transfer of the Marshall Islands programs, "so that the programs will continue uninterrupted during status negotiations ... concerning the Compact of Free Association";

WHEREAS the "justification" for the transfer of Rongelap's medical, environmental, health and safety programs, according to the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, was, as stated in the March 23, 1982 memorandum:

When the DOE was created in 1977, responsibility for the Marshall Islands' program was assigned to EP. With the exception of the professional medical capability, the technical resources that are in use in the Marshall Islands are largely weapons-programs related, and most of the DOE's logistic and support base is common to the Safeguard "C" readiness program. Safeguard "C" is one of the four safeguards in the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and requires the U.S. to maintain the capability to resume atmospheric testing. In fact, much of the field effort in the Marshall Islands is an exercise of the expeditionary capability which is an important aspect of the Defense Programs' Safeguard "C".

DP should assume the policy direction and control of the DOE's Marshall Islands activities as a single coherent program. These activities include the management of the research vessel, the Mid-Pacific Research Laboratory, the medical support programs, the funding and guidance for LLNL to accomplish the terrestrial environmental studies and the marine program, and the funding and guidance for BNL's environmental studies and medical programs.

WHEREAS this DOE policy was not publicly known prior to the recent disclosure of the 1982 DOE memorandum before a U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee hearing; for over the many years since "Bravo" Rongelap has been repeatedly told that the DOE medical and surveillance programs were initiated and carried out for "moral" and "humanitarian" reasons;

WHEREAS Rongelap had nevertheless become increasingly distrustful of DOE's medical, health, environmental and safety efforts in addressing issues of concern to Rongelap;

WHEREAS the truth now appears to be that the plight of Rongelap, as far as the DOE is concerned, was subordinated to the priorities of DOE's "Safeguard C" Defense Program, which may explain DOE's opposition to the Rongelap "Phase 2" Independent Study mandated by Section 103(i) of the Compact;

WHEREAS the association of the health care and radiological monitoring programs to the DOE weapons program and nuclear readiness capability destroys any pretense of objectivity and credibility; and

WHEREAS the Rongelap Atoll Local Government Council requests a full and complete accounting with respect to the relationship and management of the DOE Defense Program's "Safeguard C" program to the DOE Marshall Islands medical and environmental programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Rongelap Atoll Local Government Council hereby requests of the U.S. Department of Energy a full and complete accounting of the relationship and management of the DOE Defense Program's "Safeguard C" program to the DOE Marshall Islands medical and environmental programs;

THAT until such time as a full and complete accounting is provided to the Rongelap Atoll Local Government Council by the DOE, the Department of Energy, its officers, employees, agents, contractors and laboratories, with the exception of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Medical Program, are denied access to and barred from any lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the Rongelap Atoll Local Government (the Atolls of Rongelap, Rongerik and Ailinginae and their adjacent waters, as well as the Island of Mejatto on Kwajalein Atoll), unless permission in writing is otherwise granted by the Rongelap Atoll Local Government Council;

THAT with respect to the Brookhaven National Laboratory Medical Program, its regularly-scheduled presence and assistance continues to be welcome but with this proviso: That Mr. Harry Brown, DOE/DP Nevada Operations Office, shall not accompany the Brookhaven medical doctors on the DOE ship during Brookhaven visits to the Rongelap people or lands; and

THAT the Mayor of Rongelap immediately transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate offices and officials of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and all members of the Marshall Islands Nitijela, with the request that this resolution be immediately transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, with copies to the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of State, and the United States Congress.

SIGNATURE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

/s/ Hemos Jilej

/s/ Bolkain Anjain

/s/ Jotai Kun

/s/ Leo Boas

/s/ Nicktemos Antak

/s/ Norio Kebenli

/s/ Lemyo Abon

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/s/ Boas Jeillan

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the Rongelap Council on the 20th day of May, 1990, in accordance with the Rongelap Atoll Local Government Constitution.

/s/ Edison Anjain  
Edison Anjain, Mayor

5/21/1990  
Date

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Clerk

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Date

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Holmes & Narver  
ENERGY SUPPORT DIVISION  
PACIFIC OPERATIONS

AUG 1990

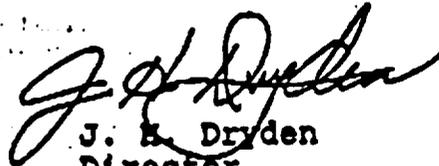
**Addressees**

OPERATIONAL PLAN 90-5, FY 1990, BNL TO  
MEJATTO, UTRIK, MAJURO AND EBeye

The enclosed Operations Plan has been coordinated with William Scott (BNL), Tom Glencross (General Offshore, Kwajalein), and John Brown (DOE Coordinator, Kwajalein).

Any travel changes are to be made directly with H&N/PO, Judy Honda, phone (808) 422-9221.

Any other additions, changes or questions should be directed to H&N/PO, Kent Hiner, phone (808) 422-9221.

  
J. H. Dryden  
Director

OP-188:KH

Enclosure

**OPERATIONS PLAN  
MARSHALL ISLANDS PROGRAMS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**MISSION NUMBER: 90-5**  
**LOCATION: MEJATTO, UTRIK, MAJURO, EBeye**

**STATEMENT OF WORK**

Brookhaven National Laboratory, on behalf of DOE, will conduct their annual "follow-up" mission.

**OBJECTIVES**

Mission 90-5 will offer:

Complete physical examinations to any I.D. cardholder not examined during the regular Spring Medical Mission.

Follow-ups on patients with ongoing medical problems as identified during the Spring Medical Mission.

Sick call will be available ashore at Utrik and Mejatto.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Medical - Dr. William Adams or his designee will have responsibility for all medical aspects of the mission.
- Administration - DOE representative will have the overall authority for the mission. The Senior Holmes & Narver (H&N) representative will be responsible for logistics and will take over limited responsibilities of the total mission as designated by the DOE representative.

- Transportation - H&N will coordinate all transportation.  
DOE Vessel - The coordination will be provided by H&N, but the Captain will retain all control and operations of the vessel.

TASKING INSTRUCTIONS OR LETTERS

- Holmes & Narver, Inc./Honolulu
- DOE Coordinator/Kwajalein
- DOE Coordinator/Majuro
- Captain/G.W. Pierce

ATTACHMENTS

- People Schedule
- Vessel Schedule

# September 1990

## DOE VESSEL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

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30	DOCKSIDE/KWAI/ALBIN						1

30 DOCKSIDE/  
KWAI/ALBIN

23 DOCKSIDE/  
KWAI/ALBIN

16 3:00pm DEPART  
UTERIK FOR  
MAIURO

9 AT ANCHOR/  
MELAITO

DOCKSIDE/KWAI/ALBIN

2 DOCKSIDE/  
KWAI/ALBIN

24

17 7:00pm ARRIVE  
MAIURO

10 12:00pm DEPART  
MELAITO FOR  
UTERIK

DOCKSIDE/KWAI/ALBIN

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18 DOCKSIDE/MAIURO

11 12:00pm ARRIVE  
UTERIK

DOCKSIDE/KWAI/ALBIN

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19 DOCKSIDE/MAIURO

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DOCKSIDE/KWAI/ALBIN

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20 DOCKSIDE/MAIURO

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6 7:00pm DEPART  
KWAI/ALBIN FOR  
5:00pm ARRIVE  
MELAITO

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21 6:00pm DEPART  
MAIURO FOR  
KWAI/ALBIN

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7 AT ANCHOR/MELAITO

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29 DOCKSIDE/  
KWAI/ALBIN

22 9:00pm ARRIVE  
KWAI/ALBIN

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KWAI/ALBIN

August

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## Addressees

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Wilfred Kendall, Ambassador to the U.S., Washington, D.C.  
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Damien Ishoda, Chief Secretary's Rep., REPMAR, Kwajalein  
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