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Dear Mr. Weisgall:

Thank you for your letter dated September 4, 1998, on behalf of the Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government Council, which seeks assistance in making operational the whole body counting chair currently located at the King Juda Health Physics Laboratory on Bikini Island.

We share the Council's interest in the Bikini people's access to meaningful and appropriate radiological monitoring as they implement resettlement plans. One important aspect of this monitoring is the training of qualified Bikinians in the use of a whole body counter and its associated electronics. We believe that decisions regarding the Bikini-located whole body counting chair should be part of a larger plan outlining the Department of Energy's (DOE) radiological monitoring support activities for the resettling Bikini population to complement the Council's resettlement plans.

We would like to meet with you and the Bikini leadership to discuss developing a DOE radiological monitoring support plan. Contact me and we can arrange a mutually acceptable time and place to do so. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Frank Hawkins
Director
Office of International
Health Programs

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