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Hi George

Thanks very much for the turtle information you sent last month. Sorry to take so long to respond. Things have been kind of busy here. But I was very interested reading through your recent papers. The increases in numbers and nesting are encouraging, but that tumor problem in greens is pretty disturbing. I'd heard something about it but had never actually seen the tumors. I don't remember ever seeing it here, and I even looked over my videos to see if I've been overlooking it. As nearly as I can tell, it's not here yet.

Enclosed is the tape I promised you. It contains about 20 minutes altogether of turtle video. Nothing exceptional--I gave you the bad parts of these scenes as well as the good. I carry my video camera most of the time now. This tape does not have everything I've shot of turtles--I have so many tapes now, it's hard to keep track of what's in them. I review them after shooting, noting the counts on scenes that contain bits I might want to use in one of my distributable tapes, and keeping that info in a database. This tape shows the scenes I had recorded in the database--no doubt there were others I did not think contained anything good enough to remember.

The last set is of the young turtle that was raised for several months by a local school class. It had originally been brought in last August by one of the Marshallese students from Ebeye. Earlier this month, we did a practice release in a reef quarry, where I took this footage. Then we took it a mile or so off the reef to release it, at least bypassing the reef predators.

Thanks again for the information. More later.

Scott