There is an old Gaelic expression that translates, “Enough is as good as a feast.” and that pretty well sums up TIGHAR’s situation as we prepare to depart on the Niku IIII expedition. We have not yet met our funding goal but, with your help, we’ve been able to raise enough to cover the immediate costs of the expedition—ship charter, airfares, equipment needs, etc. We have what we need to do the job. There will, however, be significant post-expedition costs (for example, actual food and fuel costs are paid after the trip) and, if we’re lucky, we’ll come home with artifacts that will need to be tested, analysed, and researched—and that all costs money so your continued support is just as important as it has always been.

The preparations are complete. There’s nothing left to do but go and do the work.

Original Budget for Niku IIII: $500,000
Budget Extras:
- Satellite Imagery: $3,000
- Tarawa trip: $4,000
- 10 extra days of ship charter: $50,000
Total Budget: $557,000
Support Received: $407,193
Balance to Raise: $149,807

Cash in Hand Needed by September 30: $500,000
Cash in Hand to Date: $407,193
Cash Needed to Raise by September 30: $92,807
We wish that we could take along all of the many highly-qualified and dedicated TIGHAR members who would like to be out there to help us but we’re limited by practical realities to twelve team members. They are, in alphabetical order:

**Karen R. “Kar” Burns, Ph.D.**
Age: 54
Home: Athens, Georgia
Position: Forensic osteologist; Grave Investigation Team leader
Profession: Consultant in human skeletal identification; Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia

**William M. “Bill” Carter**
Age 31
Home: Boise, Idaho
Position: Grave Investigation Team
Experience: Logistical Coordinator and participant in TIGHAR’s B-23 Dragon survey, Loon Lake, ID 2000
Profession: Litigation Attorney for Albertson’s Inc.

**John Clauss**
Home: Homewood, California
Age: 51
Position: Small Boat Support and Archaeological Team
Profession: Builds and sells hi-tech racing sailboats. Private pilot’s license with land and sea ratings.

**Richard B. “Skeet” Gifford**
Home: Aurora, Colorado
Age: 67
Position: Archaeological Team leader
Experience: Member of Board of Directors, TIGHAR; participant in 1999 expedition to Nikumaroro. Air Transport Pilot’s license.
Profession: Pilot and senior flight instructor, United Airlines (retired); airline safety consultant to NASA employed by Lockheed/Martin.

**Richard E. “Ric” Gillespie**
Age: 53
Home: Wilmington, Delaware
Position: Expedition Leader
Experience: Executive Director of TIGHAR since its founding in 1985; leader of more than three dozen aviation archaeological expeditions in the U.S., Canada, Europe, New Guinea and the islands of the Central Pacific; Director of the Earhart Project since its inception in 1988 and leader of all six previous Earhart expeditions; Commercial pilot’s license with Single, Multi-engine, and Instrument ratings.
Profession: Historian

**Richard Walter “Walt” Holm**
Age: 38
Home: Menlo Park, California
Position: Dive Team leader
Profession: Electrical Engineer, develops aerospace electronic systems and consults on electronic instrumentation design.

**Van T. Hunn, Col. USAF (ret.)**
Age: 69
Position: Dive Team leader
Experience: Numerous scuba qualifications and training in underwater search tech-
niques. Diver on two previous TIGHAR expeditions to Nikumaroro (1997 and 1999) and researcher on 2001 trip to Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati. Air Transport Pilot’s license.

**Profession:** Founding Member and Head of Faculty for Wilderness Medical Association.

**Andrew M. “Jihad” McKenna**
(Andrew earned his nickname by declaring and leading a highly successful “holy war” to recruit new TIGHAR members via the Earhart Search Forum)

Age: 42
Home: Boulder, Colorado
Position: Dive Team
Experience: Participant in TIGHAR’s B-23 Dragon survey, Loon Lake, ID 2000; extensive field experience with the American Museum of Natural History fossil collecting expeditions throughout the Western US, Greenland, and Egypt. Certified Advanced open water scuba diver; Commercial pilot’s license with Single, Multi-engine, and Instrument ratings.

**Profession:** Energy conservation consulting specializing in commercial and industrial cooling systems.

**Gary F. Quigg**
Age 39
Home: Crawfordsville, Indiana
Position: Grave Investigation Team
Experience: Professional historian; Participant in numerous TIGHAR expeditions including two previous TIGHAR expeditions to Nikumaroro (1997 and 1999); Private pilot’s license.

**Profession:** Associate Director for Historic Resources, Conner Prairie Museum, Indiana

Funding; equipment; documentation capability; and a team of bright, tough, dedicated people – enough is as good as a feast. We’re ready to go and do the job you have sent us to do.