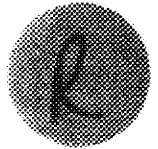


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE AEC AND DOD



BIKINI ATOLL, ARRANGEMENT FOR CLEARING

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Background:

The President, on 12 August 1968, requested both the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and the Secretary of Defense to work with the Secretary of Interior and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory in planning a comprehensive resettlement program for Bikini Atoll and to assist them in clearing it up.

Subsequently the Department of Interior requested the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and the Department of Defense (DOD) to jointly undertake the task, commencing in the final Quarter FY-1969, of clearing unusable bunkers, miscellaneous debris, vegetation, and radioactive material from the Atoll as an action prerequisite replanting of coconuts and resettlement of the Atoll by the natives. The Department of Interior has advised of its agreement with the scope of work and assumptions as outlined in a planning estimate (revised 30 September 1968 and hereinafter referred to as the "AEC Planning Estimate"), submitted to Interior by the AEC. Interior also requested the AEC and DOD to fund the cleanup costs that would be incurred in FY-1969, assuming commencement of work in the 4th quarter of the fiscal year. Interior advised that it has requested an appropriation by Congress for the balance of funds needed to complete the cleanup task in FY-1970 and to pay for airlift; these funds (\$700,000) to be made available upon receipt to AEC/DOD or their designated agent for this project.

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Agreement:

1. DOD and AEC will jointly undertake the cleanup of Bikini in accordance with the scope of work outlined in the AEC Planning Estimate, attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.
2. The estimated cost of the clearance operation is about \$1.2M based on the AEC Planning Estimate. This does not include an estimated additional \$100,000 for airlift from Hawaii to Eneu Island. Total estimated funding requirements are for \$1.3M of which about \$600,000 would be expended in FY-1969. AEC and DOD will jointly fund the FY-1969 costs on an equal share basis to a ceiling initially established at \$300,000 for each party.
3. AEC FY-1969 funds will be expended (i.e., not just obligated) in FY-1969.
4. DOD FY-1969 funds will be obligated, but not necessarily expended in FY-1969.
5. The AEC will be responsible for insuring that radiological health and safety requirements are met; this responsibility may be delegated to the Project Manager designated below.
6. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be requested (by DOD) to designate Director, Defense Atomic Support Agency (DASA) as Project Manager for the clearing operation described above. DASA will act for both the Chairman, the AEC and the Secretary of Defense in accomplishing this project; and FY-1969 funds for this purpose, as noted above, will be made available to DASA by AEC and Secretary of Defense.
7. In addition to the requirements noted in the AEC Planning Estimate, it is recognized that use of certain equipment or other assets available to the AEC and DOD may be required, and such use would be in the overall best interest of the U.S. Government. When available and as mutually agreed between the providing party and the Project Manager, the equipment

or other assets will--to the extent possible--be made available to the Project Manager without charge.

8. In the event a decision is made by highest authority to resume nuclear testing, any personnel or other assets of DASA or subordinate commands needed for this purpose and involved in the Bikini cleanup project, will be released immediately.
9. A civilian contractor will supply the labor for cleanup, support camp operations, and other tasks as arranged by the Project Manager. The existing contractual arrangements made by AEC, modified as necessary, will be made available to DASA if requested for this purpose.