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made only minor attempts capitalize incident report would be valuable counter to possible stronger attempts later in Japan or neutralist Asian countries.

\* Following such statement might be transmittal official note regret United States Government including reiteration we prepared make compensation to 23 fishermen for injuries and losses/resulting atomic test accident. Such note with offer of compensation without reference to whether we are legally responsible could also be prepared for transmittal immediate future independent of statement suggested para 1 above. Preferable ~~has~~ however note refer to joint US-Japanese conclusions in attempt wind up incident at least on Government to Government basis. Better basis also provided for special appropriation or disbursement Government funds.

Request comments re prospects obtain statement useful <sup>our</sup> and purposes and time required.

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