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SUBJECT: BROOKHAVEN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THREE MARSHALLESE PATIENTS

The following information is a public announcement which AEC's Brookhaven National Laboratory plans to issue for use on Friday, June 25. The announcement will be provided by BNL to science and medical writers, or in response to their inquiry. We do not plan to issue it from AEC headquarters.

The announcement has been signed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Division of Public Information, AEC.

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laboratory in Long Island, New York, for examination and treatment. They have been found to have thyroid glands which appear to be the result of exposure to radioactive fallout from the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.

The residents of Nagasaki who were directly exposed to fallout radiation from a thermonuclear device tested on March 1, 1954. The fallout which was carried over Japan was carried over the left and additional amount of fallout was carried over about 100 miles from the atomic bomb. Since that time the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the Joint Committee of the Senate and House have been working on the medical aspects of the exposed people. The people are being given a Stockholm National Laboratory study of the effects of the fallout.

Immediately after exposure the people were evacuated to Nagasaki Island for treatment and were subsequently on Nagasaki Island until 1957 when they were returned to Nagasaki. On their return to their home atoll the United States Atomic Energy Commission and the Joint Committee of the Senate and House have been working on the medical aspects of the exposed people. The people are being given a Stockholm National Laboratory study of the effects of the fallout.

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