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THIS REFERS TO NVOO MEETING ON JANUARY 17 WITH CJTF-8 AT WHICH TIME THE DRAFT MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AEC AND DOD FOR BIKINI CLEAN-UP WAS DISCUSSED AND MR. BONNET WAS DESIGNATED AS NVOO PROJECT OFFICER TO WORK WITH CJTF-8 ON THE PLANNING, ESTIMATING AND EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT.

WE HAVE THIS DATE RECEIVED FROM DMA A PROPOSED REDRAFT OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH LARGELY RESTATES THE INTENT OF THE EARLIER DRAFT, BUT WITH STRONGER LANGUAGE PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF AEC RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGNING OFF ON RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (NEW PARAGRAPH 6). DMA IS MOST ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE ACTION ON THIS UNDERSTANDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HAS ASKED FOR OUR COMMENTS ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

THE PROPOSED DRAFT READS AS FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, DIVISION
OF MILITARY APPLICATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE, DEFENSE ATOMIC SUPPORT AGENCY, ON THE
CLEAN-UP OF BIKINI ATOLL.

QUOTE 1. ON AUGUST 12, 1968, THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED THAT THE CHAIR-
MAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WORK WITH THE
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY
IN PLANNING A COMPREHENSIVE RE-SETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR BIKINI ATOLL AND
TO ASSIST THEM IN CARRYING IT OUT.

QUOTE 2. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND THE ATOMIC ENERGY
COMMISSION (AEC) HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
IN THE CLEAN-UP OF THE BIKINI ATOLL FOR THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE POPULA-
TION. THE AEC AND DOD RESPONSIBILITIES ARE LIMITED TO THE REMOVAL OF
DEBRIS AND OTHER STRUCTURES OR MATERIALS RESIDUAL FROM THE USE OF THE
ATOLL FOR ATOMIC TESTING, WHICH COULD POSE RADIOACTIVITY OR ACCIDENT
HAZARDS TO THE POPULATION OR INTERFERE WITH THEIR DESIRED USE OF THE LAND.

QUOTE 3. THE DOD AND THE AEC HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE \$300,000 EACH
IN FY-1969 FOR THE CLEAN-UP. THE TOTAL AEC FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000
MUST BE EXPENDED AND THE TOTAL DOD FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED BY JUNE 30,
1969.

QUOTE 4. THE DOD AND THE AEC HAVE INFORMALLY AGREED THAT THE DOD
WILL MANAGE THE CLEAN-UP EFFORT, UTILIZING THE EXISTING JOINT TASK FORCE 3
ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND THE AEC CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR SUPPORT.

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THE JCS HAS DESIGNATED THE DIRECTOR, DASA TO ACT AS PROJECT MANAGER.

QUOTE 5. THE AEC CIVILLIAN CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR THE ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF FIELD OPERATIONS PLANNED ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL STAFF SUPPORT AND LABOR FOR CLEAN-UP AS WELL AS CAMP SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND OTHER TASKS AS DETERMINED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER.

QUOTE 6. THE AEC WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCRAP REMOVAL PROJECT AT BIKINI ATOLL ARE MET AT THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT. THESE REQUIREMENTS AS DEVELOPED IN THE PROJECT PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT TO AEC APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF FIELD OPERATIONS. AEC WILL FOLLOW THE PROGRESS MADE AND KEEP INTERESTED AGENCIES INFORMED.

QUOTE 7. THE HANDLING AND REMOVAL OF CONTAMINATED SCRAP WILL BE CONDUCTED SUCH THAT EXPOSURE TO PERSONNEL WILL BE WITHIN THE STANDARDS FOR WORKERS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL RADIATION COUNSEL. BIKINI PEOPLE MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED IN COLLECTING AND REMOVING CONTAMINATED SCRAP MATERIAL WHEREVER IT MAY BE FOUND.

QUOTE 8. EQUIPMENT OR OTHER ASSETS AVAILABLE TO THE AEC AND DOD MAY BE USED PROVIDING THIS ARRANGEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. AS MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE PROVIDING PARTIES AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, THE EQUIPMENTS OR OTHER ASSETS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT AT NO COST.

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QUOTE 9. THE BIKINI CLEAN-UP WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY INTERFERE WITH THE PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF PLANNED READINESS-TO-TEST EXERCISES OR WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE READINESS-TO-TEST POSTURE. UNQUOTE

BECAUSE OF THE GREATER EMPHASIS ON AEC RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENDORSING RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND REVIEWING PLANS BEFORE THE OPERATIONS COMMENCE, I AM AT THIS TIME DESIGNATING MR. F. D. CLUFF, NVOC SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP, TO WORK WITH MR. BONNET AS NECESSARY IN FORMULATING PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT NVOC'S SAFETY FUNCTION. THIS WORK SHOULD GO FORWARD ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY WITH WHICH ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROCEEDING, REQUEST AT LEAST PRELIMINARY COMMENTS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

WITH REGARD TO OUR COMMENTS TO DMA, WE PLAN TO RECOMMEND THAT PARAGRAPH 3 SHOULD STATE SPECIFICALLY THAT NO AEC FUNDING IS CONTEMPLATED BEYOND FY-1969, AND THAT ANY LONG-RANGE PROGRAM OF RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING AFTER CERTIFICATION OF CLEAN-UP WOULD BE CARRIED OUT OUTSIDE THIS AGREEMENT. END:REF/PDD:KNJ-510

Action addressee:

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