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Deptel 2577. Examination TELEACHUS tuna cargo completed. No radio-

active specimens found beyond two already described.

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AEC report indicates radio-activity present chiefly in bones and apparently due ingestion radio-active material. Regards it as relatively low amount activity.

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Food Drug Administration regards finding of two fish only among thousands does not (repeat not) justify change ~~XXXX~~ procedures. ~~XXXXXX~~ will continue spot checking procedure.

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No publicity here on incident. Department believes public revelation in Japan would result publicity here seriously adverse <sup>imports</sup> Japanese tuna ~~XXXXXX~~ and possibly domestic tuna sales. Suggests Embassy ~~XX~~ not (repeat not) inform Japanese Government of incident.

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Reference Department's SR 2590.

In effort resolve difficulties re water, Department desires know overall length, beam and draft SHUNKOTSU. Also desire verify total quantity one eighty tons. Japanese should be informed water like provisions provided on reimbursable basis and will probably cost 5 cents per gallon excluding delivery cost.

CAA suggests Transocean Air Lines which services JAL Wake may be able provide water. Suggest you explore this possibility.

We assume SHUNKOTSU will not (repeat not) arrive Wake prior May 29.

Department concerned total bill for provisions and water which we expect will be presented Japanese Government through Embassy will be considerable but see no escape this late stage.

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Department's 2472. Food Drug Administration during spot

check TELEMACHUS cargo found one ninety-pound yellowfin tuna with gamma radiation above proposed tolerance. Radiation in region of gills, mouth, one side fin.

FDA immediately began monitoring TELEMACHUS cargo comprehensively. May 19 found second contaminated yellowfin, seventy-five pounds, marked QUOTE Dalichi Trading Company Shimizu/UNQUOTE and tagged QUOTE April 24, 1954 UNQUOTE. Radiation equalled two-thirds of first fish and located in bony parts back of mouth and vertebra. Fish had already arrived butchering line in cannery when found, having previously passed spot check. No publicity here.

Cargo examination now two-thirds completed. Expect finish May 21.

Atomic Energy Commission Laboratory New York starts radiochemical analysis first fish today on priority basis. Results should be available May 21.

Suggest Embassy not (repeat not) inform Japanese Government

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until complete cargo report available. Department will wire final findings on cargo and further instructions soonest, probably May 21.

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Reference Tokyo's 287h.

1. Boss and Donaldson proceeding Tokyo according schedule given Deptel 2531.

2. Whether or not they should attempt make contact with SM at Wake depends on political value EMB attaches their participation expedition. AEC does not (repeat not) regard expedition of sufficient scientific importance, particularly in view other current U.S. programs, for them join expedition view all difficulties imposed by Japanese.

3. While at Tokyo AEC would like have Boss and Donaldson meet with marine biologists. Ensuing discussions will be in lieu conference in Pacific proposed Para 1B Deptel 2510. AEC feels some utility could be gained from such discussions Tokyo.

4. Navy will provide vegetables and fruit in quantities desired by Japanese on reimbursable basis on May 29 (repeat 29). Water will be ~~available~~ available but difficulties re quantity and shipment best settled on spot.

FORMAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY  
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Reference Tokyo's 2806.

1. Timing of Fukuryu compensation. Believe congressional action can be obtained this session if compensation figure jointly agreed by US and Japan and presented before June 1. Suggest you emphasize to Japanese desirability of rapid agreement on reasonable amount. Delay beyond June 1 would very probably mean postponement of settlement until next year. But we recognize difficulty meeting this date.

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There is also enclosed a copy of an undated letter to Dr. Thompson of Washington University from Ryoichi Abe of YOMIURI SHIMBUN, which Dr. Lauren Donaldson of the University transmitted to Dr. Bugher, Director of the AEC's Division of Biology and Medicine. The Commission would appreciate the Embassy's providing Mr. Abe with a copy of the enclosed report.

Six additional copies of the report and its appendix are being sent the Embassy by sea pouch. These extra copies may be retained at the Embassy to satisfy additional requests by interested Japanese nationals.

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Re: Marshallense Petition (URTEL 706).

After consulting other government agencies concerned, following amendments to statement on petition are suggested.

In first sentence of second paragraph, change wording after "everyone who" to read as follows: "was in the area affected by the falling of radioactive materials caused by a shift of the winds during the March 1 test".

In sentence immediately following, change word "treatment" to "examination"

In next following sentence, change "where care was immediately provided" to "where their needs were immediately provided for".

In next following sentence, change "the maximum available" to "any necessary".

In second sentence of fourth para, change "this event" to "possible danger". Revise remainder of fourth para to read as follows:

Regarding the petitioners' request, that "all experiments with lethal weapons within this area be immediately ceased", attention is called to the announcement by the US Government on May 13 that "the 1954 series of tests . . . has been completed", and that "within a few days sea and air traffic may be safely resumed within the 'warning area' which was set up for safety purposes for the time when the tests were taking place. Official

notice to mariners and airmen will be published." As the petitioners rightly

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rightly imply, the US would not have been conducting such tests if it had not been determined after very careful study that they were required in the interests of general peace and security. The selection of test sites in this particular area was made only after very careful examination of the alternative possibilities, and in an effort to ensure that the tests were carried out with least possible danger. It will be recalled that, pursuant to the provisions of the trusteeship agreement which designates the trust territory as a strategic area, the US notified the UN on April 2, 1953 that the area of the Pacific Proving Grounds was being closed for security reasons in order to conduct necessary atomic experiments.

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1. Apparent only Wake would be available for provisioning stops as required SHUNKOTSU MARU. Two or more stops permissible at Wake. Request estimate provisioning requirements on that assumption.
2. It might be pointed out Japanese weather station personnel at Marcus are under contract to U.S. Government.
3. Boss and Donaldson ETA Tokyo May 24 11:10 a.m. N.W. Flight #1. They propose join ship at Wake.

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Re Department Telegram 2510

1. Plans for sending Donaldson and Boss Tokyo moving ahead on assumption Japanese Government willing delay SHUNKOTSU MARU's departure few days.

2. Please send soonest names Japanese scientists participating SHUNKOTSU MARU expedition. Also provide Department and AEC, when available, inclusive list Japanese marine biologists, oceanographers, and scientific personnel Japanese Department Fisheries.

3. Could Embassy provide interpreter accompany Donaldson and Boss?

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1. AEC would like (a) send one and possibly two individuals participate SHUNKOTSU MARU expedition and in addition (b) propose meeting somewhere in Pacific area during expedition permit exchange unclassified but mutually beneficial research data interest both Japan and US.

2. Individuals accompanying expedition would be US scientists familiar with AEC interest Marine Biology. Proposed one would be scientist experienced in study marine life in Pacific (Dr. Lauren Donaldson, UNIV of Washington) and other physiologist AEC's Division BIO-MED (Dr. Robert Boss).

3. Since impossible representatives arrive Tokyo by May 15 and view importance attached their joining expedition at Tokyo, EMB requested approach Foreign Office and request SHUNKOTSU MARU's departure be delayed few days permit individuals arrive Tokyo.

4. Will inform EMB, when available, AEC representatives ETAs

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Reference Tokyo's 2734.

Answer to question para 3 ref tel is affirmative.

Recommend note to Foreign Office contain <sup>no</sup> (repeat no) reference to  
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tolerance.

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Department believes contents letter should not (repeat not)  
be released to Japanese Government or otherwise published for  
following reasons:

- 1) Immediate urgency of tolerance question now apparently removed since no recent arrivals in Japan of contaminated fish. Tokyo AP despatch May 7 indicates decision Japanese Government to cease monitoring tuna May 10.
- 2) Department seriously concerned possible psychological effect on US tuna consumers of public release of tolerance standard for tuna. Uncertain how this may be featured by US newspapers which are now publicizing aspects of radioactivity. May well set tuna apart from other food products with grave risks to US market for both Japanese and domestic tuna. Industry studies on recent radioactive tuna publicity inconclusive re effect on US sales of domestic tuna, but spot check of

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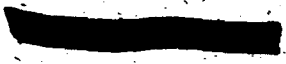
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Los Angeles market indicates considerable slowing in retail sales imported Japanese canned tuna in brine, presumably due to publicity on radioactivity.

Department not prepared this time take position on liability for compensation for destroyed fish.

  
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Reference Embassy's 2466.

Following is text letter dated May 6 received by Department from

Food and Drug Administration: **BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

BEGIN TEXT. This replies to request from Ambassador Allison for tolerance which can be applied Japan to monitoring tuna fish for radio-activity. Tolerance we propose designed pass only those tuna or other fish which are entirely safe for consumption even when fish form large part of diet over many years for individuals of all ages and in wide range of health found in general population.

In making this recommendation we have consulted with AEC. Best available guides to radiation protection are recommendations of International Commission on Radiological Protection and of National Committee on Radiation Protection. Recommended tolerance is within limits of safety established by these groups as published in National Bureau of Standards Handbook 52. As applied to general population it desirable use value of not more than 10% of figures given in Handbook 52.

We recommend fish be rejected if gamma radiation at distance 5 centimeters from surface of fish exceeds 0.1 milliroentgens per hour (0.1 MR/HR). This measurement to be made 14 days after atomic explosion. (Twenty-one days

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after explosion tolerance is 0.07 MR/HR; thirty days, 0.05, MR/HR).

If measurement is made with Geiger-Muller survey meter (Geiger-Muller counter) meter should be calibrated and used with shielded Geiger-Muller tube.

We make this recommendation on following premises:

1. There will be period of time between exposure of fish to fall-out and arrival of fishing boats in Japan.
2. Surface radioactivity is primary concern in fish brought to port.
3. Radiation measured is equal to that of area of disk of 20 centimeters' radius.
4. Chief long-range hazard from fission products is from Strontium 89 and Strontium 90 plus yttrium 90.
5. Nature of assumptions made in setting tolerance will pass tuna as acceptable, ready for consumption, with no more than 10% of quantities of radioactive Strontium and Yttrium classified as safe in NBS Handbook 52. For example it is improbable all radioactive material on surface of fish will be ingested. There are several other factors of safety in tolerance.

Tuna offered for entry into US will be judged by tolerance recommended herein adjusted for time lag.

Setting of value in terms of mR/hr of gamma radiation avoids ambiguity of value established in counts per minute.

Monitoring method described herein not applicable to canned tuna.

Our recommendation is based upon best data now available. If future data necessitate change in tolerance, we shall notify you promptly. END TEXT.

Subsequent telegram contains instructions re use above letter. (See Department's 472.)

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NO. A-836 May 8, 1954

SUBJECT: Estimate of Present Medical Status of the Twenty-Three Crewmen of the FUKURYU MARU

TO: The American Embassy, TOKYO

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There follows for the Embassy's information, the text of a memorandum dated April 30 prepared in the Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Biology and Medicine, giving an estimate of the medical status of the twenty-three crewmen:

"I understand you are interested in having a statement summarizing the medical situation of the Japanese fishermen. Briefly, as you are aware, our Embassy in Tokyo has made repeated offers of United States medical assistance to the Japanese. There have been frequent assurances by the Japanese authorities that these offers would be accepted, and that the patients could accordingly be carefully examined and studied. Dr. Morton and members of his staff have visited the patients on several occasions, but they have not been permitted to conduct thorough clinical examinations.

"At the request of the Japanese, samples of urine of the patients have been examined by the Health and Safety Laboratory of the Commission's New York Operations Office. The results of the analyses indicate that the patients from whom the specimens were obtained have ingested radioactive material. These analyses, however, do not give answers as to the condition of the patients, nor could they indicate the total dose of radiation originally received.

"Except for the urine samples referred to above, the only other data of which we are aware, including the blood counts, have been provided by the Japanese themselves. Complete data essential to the diagnosis and prognosis have been specifically requested by this office through our Embassy in Tokyo, but have not been received.

"It has been made clear in our communications to the Japanese through the Ambassador that we are primarily interested in the welfare of the patients, that the cooperation of the Japanese in permitting medical examinations and in accepting or

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Reference Hicog Bonn telegram 3376.

Basic information transmitted Department telegram 3076. Department proposes consultation about one week in US including visit installation in Chicago area. Understand Japanese Government arranging financial details. Although Tsuzuki would not be "official guest" Department and AEC desire facilitate his trip US and would appreciate any courtesies.

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1. Request (a) brief report on items presented in atomic exhibit and reception of exhibit by Japanese, including attendance, interest, effects; (b) your views regarding presentation exhibit in other Japanese cities, preferably under joint US-Japanese sponsorship, in order show more widely peaceful application atomic energy by US.

2. If your reaction item (b) favorable, also consider items desired to improve exhibit and advise Agency. For example, may be possible provide by September working models nuclear reactor (pile) atomic power plant, teletherapy unit (using isotopes in medicine), and thickness measurement control (using isotopes in industry). For your information, complete atomic exhibit assembled by Agency, including above models and mobile unit would cost about \$30 thousand. Such exhibits being prepared for use in India, Near East, Europe and Brazil. Detailed description this exhibit will be provided if you desire.

3. Expanded exhibit would be financed from now expected savings FY 1954 funds. Advise soonest if you agree and include estimate additional GOE required, if any.

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Reference Embassy's telegrams 2686 and 2688.

1) Since Guam <sup>is</sup> naval defense area and availability food and water at Marcus extremely limited, Navy informs Department not feasible SHUNKOTSU MARU stop either Guam or Marcus. Navy agreeable however granting SHUNKOTSU MARU access Wake Island for two days.

2) Necessary know soonest schedule ETA Wake and what needed way of provisions.

3) Navy desires be advised daily ship's position.

4) Assume Navy Attache Tokyo will receive and transmit to Japanese pertinent communications information.

5) FYI only. End current test series imminent. Suggest Embassy make no reference problem daily signals from JTF-7 and date and time future tests.

6) Although position re Japanese offer accommodate one or two Americans not (repeat not) yet firm, feel unlikely we will be able nominate any one in view extreme shortness time given find qualified person. May be able propose American expert join Shunkotsu Maru later for limited time. Suggest whether there are scientists on you so inform Japanese and also inquire ~~responsibility for~~ SHUNKOTSU MARU who speak English well.

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7) Suggest your reply express appreciation this Japanese offer scientific cooperation, our regret we unable cooperate fully in view time shortness, and our continuing desire be of assistance.

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Re Marshallese petition on Trust Territory of Pacific Islands  
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(URTFLS 655 and 656). DEPT agrees/special Security Council note  
should be avoided. In DEPT's view all petitions relating to TTPI  
fall under para 3 of Security Council Resolution S/1280. In  
no case in past so far as DEPT aware has this para been interpreted  
to require that SC be notified re petitions on TTPI in advance of  
their consideration by Trusteeship Council. In past SC has been  
notified as to petitions, like other TTPI matters, in annual TC  
report to SC. DEPT sees no reason for changing past practice and  
urges that SYG be asked follow it in this case also.

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US Delegation Sea Pollution Conference.

If USSR makes propaganda attack on US re Pollution from thermo-  
nuclear <sup>explosions</sup> ~~explosions~~ US Delegation should point out this matter not <sup>on</sup> ~~in~~  
agenda. However, statement quoted below should be <sup>used</sup> ~~in~~ reply unless  
in Delegation's judgment, it is not adequately responsive. In that event,  
reserve right to reply and cable substance/<sup>USSR</sup> statement.

"In the opinion of the Atomic Energy Commission scientific staff  
based on long-term studies of fish in the presence of  
radioactivity, there is negligible hazard, if any, in consumption  
of fish caught in the Pacific Ocean outside the immediate test  
areas subsequent to the tests. There may be some hazard from  
the consumption of fish caught in the immediate test area for a  
short time subsequent to the tests. The extent of this latter type  
hazard can be determined and guard set against it by monitoring the  
radioactivity in the fish catch from the affected areas during the  
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Government is establishing such monitoring of Pacific ports; it is  
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gather further scientific knowledge on this subject, the US Government is making a scientific analysis of any data gather by its own Pacific port checks and will assist the Japanese Government and universities in similarly analyzing data resulting from Japanese port monitoring.

"As to ocean currents, warm currents which flow from the Marshall Islands area westward and northward eventually joining the Japanese current move slowly (less than one mile an hour). <sup>Any</sup> ~~for~~ radioactivity collected in the test area would become harmless within a few miles after being picked up by these currents and would become completely undetectable within 500 miles or less."

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Most recent reports re radioactivity ROQUE indicate ship safe and probably most of radioactivity will be dissipated by time arrival Kawasaki, sub-port Yokohama, May 7. Readings on ROQUE never been cause for concern. Understand from Washington representative Pacific Micro-nesian Line, President company already denied reports re dangerous radioactivity aboard the ROQUE.

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TO: The American Embassy, TOKYO

Reference: Department telegram 2357 of April 26, 1954

Enclosed is a copy of the April 1954 issue of "The Journal of the American Medical Association," which contains, beginning on page 1171, an article by Dr. Harriet L. Hardy, M.D., et al., concerning EDTA.

The Commission's Division of Biology and Medicine have noted that Dr. Hardy's article is the most recent and complete statement on EDTA. They have stated, however, that calcium EDTA, while being generally effective in removing plutonium, uranium, lead, mercury and other heavy metals from the system, may not be effective in removing iodine.

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Pursuant suggestion para 4 Embassy telegram 2331 Department and ABC have agreed invitation Doctor Tsuzuki visit US on return Japan from Geneva would be desirable. Informal invitation extended through Japanese Embassy which now informs Department Tsuzuki has accepted. US assuming no (repeat no) costs.

Will keep Embassy informed. Any comments would be appreciated.

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Reference paragraph 1 your 2683.

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SUBJECT: Envelope from the AEC for Ambassador Allison

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TO: The American Embassy, TOKYO

The AEC has requested the Department to transmit to Ambassador Allison the enclosed envelope, which contains a letter to Ambassador Allison from Mr. Belmore, Acting Manager of the Atomic Energy Commission's New York Operations Office. Also enclosed in the envelope is the letter to Dr. Nakaitzumi from Dr. Harley which is referred to in Mr. Belmore's letter.

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Envelope from the AEC addressed  
to Ambassador Allison.

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Report received today SS ROQUE, 250 ton AKL, carrying copra and scrap steel, put in at Guam on way Japan, carried traces radio-activity. AEC sent message Guan QUOTE Safe ROQUE sail Japan with counts of 8000 per minute with shield on meter closed (RPT closed) and measured at 3 feet from object. Isolated spots reading two to three times above 8000 counts not dangerous. END QUOTE

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Reference Embassy telegram 2613

1. Department endorses principle lump sum settlement and sees no objection your communicating this view Foreign Office. Recommend however you make following US positions clear to Foreign Office at same time.
2. Japanese Government should be prepared provide on request specific information re damage suffered and compensation desired. We believe Washington agencies will probably require such information from Japanese sources before they will consider any lump sum settlement.

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b. Permission should be granted US experts examine evidence including access to injured fishermen. We believe we should emphasize this consistent US position and fact such privilege normal this type of case.

c. Such settlement would finally extinguish all claims arising from Fukuryu Maru incident.

2. You may also wish advise Foreign Office source of funds for any lump sum settlement not yet clear within US Government and may well involve Congressional

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Congressional action, which would be difficult obtain this session. Reasonable-  
ness of compensation figure would therefore be a vital factor in effort obtain  
necessary funds.

3. Department requests you forward soonest estimates of range of amounts  
referred to para 6 refel.

4. FYI. We planning request Bureau of Budget explore problem with view  
to rapid settlement. In any event will require positive statement of importance  
to US-Japan relations that settlement be made promptly as well as reasonable  
justification of amount sought.

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NO. A-795 April 23, 1954

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SUBJECT: Embassy's Request for Information re Omnipresence Natural Radioactivity

TO: The American Embassy, TOKYO

Reference: Embassy telegram 2543, April 16, 1954

Enclosed is a copy of a reprint from the Atomic Energy Commission's Thirteenth Semiannual Report to Congress, "Continental Weapons Tests . . . Public Safety." The Embassy may find certain sections of this report useful in handling inquiries on the presence of natural radioactivity. This is the reprint referred to in the Department's telegram of this date, in response to the referenced telegram.

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1. April 3, 1954, issue Journal American Medical Association,  
contains article re use EDTA (your 2295). Pouching copy when available.  
re  
To date AEC requested only for advice/use and not for material itself.

2. Five specimens as of March 29 total mixed fission products  
in disintegrations per minute per litre:

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10,000

7,300

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Uranium content for all 5 specimens falls in normal range for unexposed  
personnel. Foregoing completes analyses specimens received to date.

(Your 2369 and 2561)

3. Awaiting word from Food and Drug reply questions raised your  
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Your 2635

Would appreciate Embassy's verifying reported radioactivity  
GUINER'S KNOT. If report untrue, suggest USIA may find useful pass  
information press without making any formal statement. As Embassy  
probably knows, irrespective whether counts read on open or closed  
meter, reported levels radioactivity not (RPT NOT) considered  
dangerous.

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Results analyses specimens given Department telegram 2357 correct. Since first specimens (reported Department telegram 2199) taken from different patients, possible explain wide range in figures in terms of radiation dosage received by different individuals. Felt unwise draw conclusions from these data alone.

No precautions needed by American personnel handling specimens in which radioactivity no greater than that indicated.

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