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RESURVEY OF ANEAETOK ISLAND

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As you recall, about ten of the Marshallese returned to Aneastok Island for permanent occupancy. Since we did not have sufficient radiological data from this island I had recommended that we immediately institute a resurvey. Those in charge of the program felt they would be unable to do so until December of this year, so that we asked DMA if they would request the RadSafe people at Eniwetok to make a gamma survey. Their results are contained in a copy of a teletype (attached). You will note that the gamma dose rates are not significantly different from Rongelap. This is encouraging and I hope will "hold the line" until a full survey can be made.

Since this problem has arisen, I would like to repeat my recommendation of September 13, 1957, that we request through the Department of Interior information on the present habits of the movements of the Rongelapese.

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