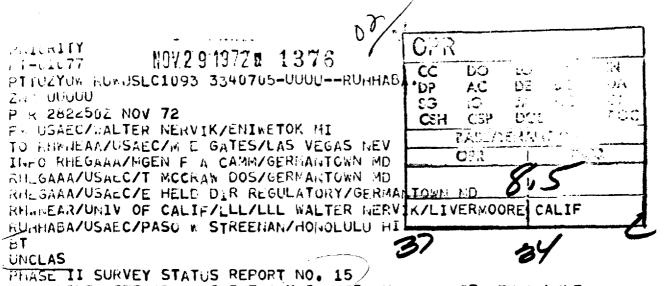
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MARINE REEF GROUP SPENT DAY IN JAPTAN AREA WITH EXCELLENT CATCH. ONE MORE GOOD DAY THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

MARINE BOSTON WHALER GROUP SAMPLED IN ELMER; REX AREA WITH FAIR RESULTS. LIGHT CORING TOOL IS NOT VERY EFFECTIVE ON TYPE OF BOOTOM SURFACE BEING ENCOUNTERED AND ONLY ONE SMALL CORE SAMPLE WAS OBTAINED. GRAB SAMPLER IS BETTER BUT DOES NOT GET A SAMPLE EVERYTIME. ONE LARGE BARREL WATER TAKEN.

MARINE DEEP LAGOON GROUP OPERATED OFF LCU IN AREA NEAR CENTER OF LAGOON USING THE PRNC PALUMBO SPRING LOADED GRAB SAMPLER. IT

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HAD EXCELLENT RESULTS, EVEN INCLUDING SAMPLES WHICH APPEARED TO BE CHUNKS OF CORAL BROKEN OFFF LARGER HEADS, ON ONE RUN SHORTLY AFTER NOON THE SAMPLER BECAME STUCK ON THE ROTTOM AND COULD NOT BE FREED. WE LOST IT WHEN THE COUPLING AND SAMPLER FAILED. STEPS BEING TAKEN THROUGH NOSHKIN TO OBTAIN REPLACEMENTS BUT UNTIL THEY ARRIVE WE WILL USE THE STANDARD TYPE OF BUCKET GRAB SAMPLER.

AIR SAMPLING GROUP HAVING UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES GETTING FRED HI VOL SAMPLER OPERATING DUE TO CORROSION ON ENGINE. EXPECT THAT ONE MORE DAY'S WORK WILL BE SUFFICIENT. SECOND HI VOL READY TO GO AS SOON AS LCU CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR TRANSPORT. LCU TO BE DOWN FOR ENGINE REPAIRS ON 28 NOV.

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ACTION BEING TAKEN TO PROCURE CANVAS, COTS AND SUPPLIES APPROPRIATE TO SLEEPING TWENTY PEOPLE IN ADDITION TO CREW ON THE LCU. EXPECT THESE GOODS TO ARRIVE ENT 29 NOV AND LCU TO BE CONVERTED TO HOUSE BOAT ON 29 OR 30 NOV, PROPOSED MMODE OF OPERATION WILL THEN BE FOR FLOTILLA CONSISTING OF LCU, ONE LCPL, AEC BOAT, AND BOSTON WHALER, CARRYING ENTIRE MARINE GROUP, AIR GROUP, 5 ENGR GROUP, AND 5 HAD SAFE SUPPORT DEPART FRED AND OPERATE IN NORTH LAGOON AREA FOR THREE DAYS (TWO NIGHTS) BEFORE RETURNING TO FRED. AFTER ONE NIGHT STAY AT FRED, THE THREE DAY SCHEDULE WOULD BE REPEATED. TAXE TIME

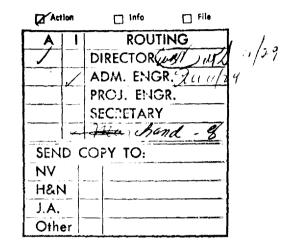
PAGE 3 RUWJSLC0138 UNCLAS WILL THEN BE MINIMIZED. THE PROPOSED LCU LIFE STYLE APPEARS TO BE AUSTERE BUT QUITE ADEQUATE. END OF PH II STATUS REPT NO 15. BEST COPY AVAILABLE BT #1093

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