

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Dr. Charles L. Dunham, Director,  
Division of Biology and Medicine

DATE: June 19, 1962

FROM : General Manager

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SUBJECT: IRRADIATION OF BIKINI NATIVES

Pursuant to my conversation with you this morning, there is attached an extract from hearings before the Joint Committee on January 18. Please note the exchange on page 34 and Mr. Holifield's statement in particular.

As best I can remember, the Bikini natives were never exposed to any radiation as a result of the tests (other than that of the entire Marshall Islands area). The statement in the record leaves to misimpressions -- first, that they were heavily irradiated; and second, that I was not giving the facts. I agree it would be appropriate if we prepared a letter to Mr. Holifield which I could send, referring to this exchange and listing the true sequence of events relating to Bikini natives and their exposure.

Attachments:

Extract, as above  
Memo B&M to GM, 2/13/62  
(GM control 19112)

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