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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR
CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Third Status Report, Cleanup of Bikini Atoll

1. Reference is made to Director, DASA memoranda of 2 May and 1 July 1969 to Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Interior and Chairman, AEC, subject: "Status Report, Cleanup of Bikini Atoll," which reported the situation through 30 June 1969.

2. As of 31 July 1969 the cleanup, which continues to progress satisfactorily, is estimated to be 70% complete. The island work force numbers 66 men (a slight reduction from the 74 previously reported), nine Bikinians are included. The status of funds is as follows:

Total available	\$1,300,000
Committed through 20 Jul 69	685,777
Uncommitted Balance	\$ 614,223

3. Practically all AEC-DOD work requiring heavy equipment has been completed on the main island (Bikini Island), and that island appears ready for the Trust Territory Government (TTG) to commence the coconut planning phase. We would be pleased to arrange for the introduction, at any time, of the initial TTG group involved in that phase. The natives now at the atoll have been used extensively in Bikini Island cleanup work, including clearing the cemetery.

4. Detailed instructions have been issued covering the preparation of work list data sheets at Bikini. These documents are being prepared on-site and when completed will describe item by item, island by island, all AEC-DOD cleanup work performed and mutually agreed upon by DOD, AEC and TTG representatives. Radiation data necessary for documentation and certification of radiological safety in the cleanup work is being recorded by the AEC in accordance with existing agreements

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5. Based on existing cleanup understandings it is expected that the AEC-DOD phase of the cleanup work will be completed in early September and withdrawal of the Task Group will be completed prior to 1 October 1959. Roll-up planning has been initiated with CINCPACFLT and COMSERVPAC to arrange for tow and cargo lift of equipment back to Hawaii, Johnston Island and other points. Plans are also being made with the TTG to facilitate arrival of their personnel at Bikini during the roll-up phase. At the request of the Department of Interior detailed plans are being completed for transfer of certain AEC-DOD consumable/expendable equipment now at Bikini to the Trust Territory Government. In general, this equipment falls into the category of not being economically feasible to return to normal bases and restore to proper condition when packing, shipping and repair costs are considered. This equipment will be of considerable assistance to the TTG in their phase of the resettlement program.

6. Separate correspondence, as may be necessary, will be initiated with appropriate agencies to continue orderly planning for phase-out of the AEC-DOD program at Bikini.



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