JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

MEMOR ANDUM

November 2, 1965

To: All Committee Members

From: John T. Conway, Executive Director

Subject: Information Concerning Thyroid Tumors in Marshallese

By my memo of August 12, 1965, subject as above, I provided information on medical treatment given two Marshallese boys and one woman for tumor of the thyroid.

The attached AEC letter dated October 26, 1965 reports the discovery of additional cases of thyroid abnormality. Among the 82 exposed Marshallese thyroid abnormality has been diagnosed in 11 cases. In 5 additional cases the diagnosis is questionable.

It is my understanding that evidence of this latent effect is causing modification of earlier medical views on the radiation sensitivity of the thyroid gland.

Attachment: AEC ltr dtd 10/26/65 fm English to Conway

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