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TO RUHHDNA/CJTG ENEWETAK MARSHALL ISLANDS
INFO ZEN/DNA/DOE COORDINATOR KWAJALEIN //WATT//
RUHGSKK/GOVT MARSHALL ISLANDS MAJUO MI
RUWTFBF/CDR FCNA KISTLAO AFB NM //FCZ//
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SUBJECT: MEDICAL REFERRALS OF TTPI NON-CONTRACT PERSONNEL
THIS IS SPECIFICALLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE REFERRAL OF
(SEE YOUR P012538Z MAR. 80 MESSAGE) BUT MORE
GENERALLY ON THE TOPIC OF MEDICAL REFERRALS OF ALL TTPI
CITIZENS NOT UNDER CONTRACT AT ENEWETAK TO PROJECT CONTRACTORS.
(1) AGREEMENT NO. HD1102-77157-150 BETWEEN TTPI AND FCNA EXECUTED ON
DEC 15, 1977, PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT SERVICES.
ITEM 11, MEDICAL, AT PG. 7, DISCUSSES EMERGENCY MEDICAL
EVACUATION. THE AGREEMENT STIPULATES THAT IF SERVICES AT
ENEWETAK ARE DETERMINED INADEQUATE BY THE HICOM REP, PATIENTS
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WILL BE MOVED TO ADEQUATE FACILITY ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.
(2) THE DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY OF ENEWETAK'S MEDICAL FACILITY
MUST, OF NECESSITY, BE DETERMINED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.
THE HEALTH AID AT JAPTAN IS AUTHORIZED, BY MARSHALL ISLANDS
GOVERNMENT WITH MY CONCURRENCE, TO MAKE SUCH DETERMINATIONS
WITH REGARD TO NON-CONTRACT TTPI PERSONNEL (IE JAPTAN COMMUNITY PERSONS
PLUS SUPPORTING STAFF AND THEIR DEPENDENTS). THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN "EMERGENCY" VISA VIS
ROUTINE REFERRAL AND ADEQUACY OF ENEWETAK
MEDICAL FACILITIES IS THEREFORE CRITICAL AND THE PROPER SUBJECT
OF JAPTAN HEALTH AID DETERMINATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
(3) THE DEPARTURE OF A PATIENT IN YOUR CLINIC FOR SEVERAL
DAYS PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL AT ENEWETAK, WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A
MANNER WHICH NEITHER CONFORMS TO THE TTPI/FCNA AGREEMENT,
NOR TOOK INTO ACCOUNT PRIOR KMR ADVICE OF INABILITY TO TREAT/
EVALUATE FURTHER AND TTPI/MARSHALLS
GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY. THE ULTIMATE DECISION
TO REFER THE PATIENT TO TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER FROM KWAJALEIN
BY THE MARSHALL ISLANDS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CHANGE THAT FACT.
(4) CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS HAS REMAINED A GUIDING
DETERMINANT IN THE SUCCESS OF THE JOINT ENEWETAK EFFORT. HOWEVER,
ADVANCE PLANNING AND COORDINATION TO ANTICIPATE THE USE OF

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TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER RESOURCES HAS BEEN NO LESS IMPORTANT. THE DECISION TO AIR EVACUATE AT A TIME FULLY FOUR DAYS AFTER HOSPITALIZATION 2 DAYS AFTER KMR ADVICE OF MOBILITY TO FURTHER TREAT/EVALUATE AND 1/2 HOUR AFTER SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME OF A MAC FLIGHT TO KWAJALEIN MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY, BUT CERTAINLY THE WAY IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WAS NOT. IN CONSIDERING THE PATIENT FIRST, AND THAT IS NOT DEBATABLE, WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER HOW A PATIENT FEELS WHEN PLACED ON A PLANE WITHOUT PREPARATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO MUCH AS PACK A BAG, FIND A PASSPORT OR TAKE SOME SPENDING MONEY.

(5) I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT ENSURE THIS SORT OF THING DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

SCOTT H. STECE SENDS

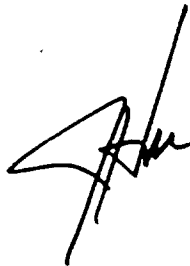
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