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- USS RENSHAW (DDE-499) Visit to the Atoll of LIKIEP Subi: 5-6 March 1954
- Ref: (a) Phonecon from Gordon Facer, DOE, on 22 May 79, regarding the New Marshallese Government's request for information about a Navy ship reported to have been at the Atoll of LIKIEP in early March 1954
- Deck Log entries 5-6 March 1954 for the USS RENSHAW Encl: (1)(DDE-499)
 - Document concerning Long Term Activity Estimates (2) for the Northern Marshall Islands

Reference (a) indicates that the New Marshallese Government 1. is attempting to locate any measurements or pictures that may have been taken at the Atoll of LIKIEP several days after the detonation of Operation CASTLE, Shot BRAVO in early March 1954. Their interest has focused on a Navy ship that is reported to have arrived at the atoll, unloaded instruments, and taken some pictures at that time.

The deck log of the USS RENSHAW (DDE-499) for Friday 5 March 2. 1954 indicates that the ship arrived at the Atoll of LIKIEP that The log makes no mention of off-loading instrumentation evening. or of taking any pictures. Other entries indicate that a landing party departed for LIKIEP Island at 0705 on Saturday 6 Mar 1954 and returned to the ship at 0937 that morning. The RENSHAW departed the Atoll of LIKIEP at 1133 on 6 March 1954. Copies of these entries are included as enclosure (1).

The log of the RENSHAW does not make mention that she had any 3. scientific personnel on board or that she was involved in any special survey operations. It is, of course, possible that when the landing party went ashore, some type of instrumentation might have been taken along. None of the currently available data, however, provides any information on the results of such measurements and it does not appear likely that any final reports would include results of such specifics as these.

Enclosure (2) entitled, "Long Term Activity Estimates for 4. the Northern Marshall Islands" (unknown source) has been located which provides information on Marshall Islands affected by BRAVO and YANKEE fallout. Although LIKIEP is not included in Table 5, the island of AILUK to the northeast is listed. The table indicates that the dose rates at one hour after detonation on AILUK was 1 R/hr after BRAVO and 0 R/hr after YANKEE. Figure 2 indicates that a 0.1 R/hr fallout intensity isodose line at H + 1 hrs for Shot BRAVO ran approximately through the northern part of LIKIEP

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Steaming in company with USS MUNRO (DE-422), enroute from Utirik 4toll to Kwajalein Island in accordance with CTG 7.3 disp. 0403122. Course 218 TMPGC, 208 Kwajalein Island in accordance with UTG 7.3 disp. 0403122. Course 210 TWrGG, 200 PSTGC. Speed 11 knots. Ships in column, NUNRO, 2000 yards astern. This ship guide and OTC. Steeming on boilers Nos. 2 and 4, split plant. Condition of read-iness three and material condition Baker set., 0330, Sighted Kwajalein Island Aero beacon, bearing 225,T, distant 20 miles.

E.W. MONROE, LTJG., USNE

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OL-D8 Steaming as before. D528, C/C to 270 T&PGC, 260 PSTGC. D600, C/C to 305 TAPGC, 295 PSTGC. D610, USE MUNRC (DE-422) assumed guide, 2000 ysrds aheed. D636, C/C to 330 T&PGC, 322 PSTGC. 0645, C/C to 340 T&PGC, 330 PSTGC. D646, Set the special sea detail. DOE has the conn. Captain and Asvigator on the bredge. USS MURO detached to proceed intependently. D710, Pilot Bos'n aboard. D729, Passed between buoys Nos. 1 and 2, standing into Gea Pass Kwejalein Atoll Barbor.- Steering various courses and at various epende conforming to be Atoll Barbor. - Steering verious courses and at various speeds conforming to the chennel.

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Steaming as before. D809, Captein has the conn. D830, Koored starboard side to Berth Easy, Kwejalein Atoll Harbor, with standard mooring lines. Phips present include various units of the U.S. Pecific Fleet. SOFA is COLNATSTA, Twelelein. DE31 include various units of the U.S. Pichlic Fleet. SOFA is CULARISTA, AWEGELEID. UP Pilot Bos'n Left the ship. -0836, Secured the special sea detail. D642, COLTAVSTA, Kwejalein came aboard. 0650, Secured boiler No. 2. boiler No. 4 in use for suriliary purposes. - 0902, COLTAVSTA, Ewejalein left the ship. 0913, Disembarked F34 civilien evacues from Utirik Atoll. 0940, Made daily inspection of megazine and amokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1000, 306 73 came alongside to port. 1040, Commerced fueling from 306 73, draft fwa. 13' 5", art 13' 1". F. J. WEED, LT.C. IUSNR

13' 1". Moored as before. 1206, Lighted fires under boiler No. 2, and commenced making all preparations for getting underway. 1226, Completed fueling, draft Twa, 13' 9", art 13'-8". 1300, Completed all preparations for getting underway. Cut in boiler Ng.-2 and 4, on the main steam line. 1304, Major , 0507835. US⊾, —anà ⊻r. Karshallese interpreter came aboard. - 1307; Underway for Likiep stoll in complinance with verbal orders from CJTF 7. Steaming on boilers Nos. 2 and 4, split plant. Special ses details set ... Materiel condition Baker set. Captain at the conn, Navigator on the bridge. 1314, Steering various courses and at various speeds to conform to the channel. DOD was given the conn. 1346, Passed between buoks Nos. 1 and 2, took departure for Likiep Atoll, set base course 180 T, speed 16 knots. 1348, Secured the special see detail, set condition of readiness three. 1355, C/C to 127 TaPGC, 117 PSTCC, 1405, C/C to 123 TaPGC, 113 PSTCC. 1425, C/C to 090 TaPGC, 080 PSTGC. -1432, C/C to 053 TaPGC, 046, PSTCC. -1436, C/C to 052 TaPGC, 045 PSTGC. 1447, C/S to 25 knots.

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Sterming as before. 1750, Signation Alternation, Dearing DBO T., distant 25 miles. 1828, C/C to DE5 TAPGC, D79 PSTGC. C/S to 22 knots. 1851, C/C to D80 TAPGC, D74 PSTGC. Set the special set details. OOD at the conn. Captain and the Navigator on the bridge. Steering various courses and at various species standing into Likiep Atoll Lagoon. 1995, Captain at the conn. - 1918, -11 angines stopped. - Anchored in Likiep Lagoon; in 23 fathoms of water, mand and ooral bottom, 95 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following beerings; Flag Staff Likier Island, 105 T., Entrance Island 252'T, Knenuuwan Island 126 T. - 1929, Secured the special ses detail. 1935, Secured boiler No. 2. Boiler No. 4 in the for maxiliary purposes. Ships

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DL-D8 Anchored as before. 0700, Lighted fires under boiler No. 2, commenced making all preparations for getting underway. 0705, Landing party departed for Likiep Island.

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08-12 Anchored as before. DB27, Cut in boilers Nos. 2 and 4, on the main steak line. 0240, Completed all preparations for getting underway. 0937, <u>Recovered Linding</u> pertr from Likier Island. Underway for Jemo Island, in accordance with CTo 7.3, disp. 0507582. Stearing on boilers Nos. 2 and 4, split plant. Material condition Baker set. Maneuvering to clear the anchorage. Captain at the conn, Navigetor on the bridge. 0944, Steering verious courses and at various speeds, standing out of Likiep Atoll Lagoon. 0951, Cleared the channel and took departure for Jano Island, set course 180 TAPGC, 168 PSTGC, speed 17 knots. 0952, 005 was given the cons. 0954, C/C to 100 TAPGC, 093 PSTGC. C/S to 22 knots. 0957, Secured the special sea detail, set condition of readiness three. 1000, Made daily inspection of magazines and emokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1010, C/C to 055 T&PGC, 047 PSTGC. 1022, C/C to 047 T&PGC, 040 PSTGC. 1044, C/C to 030 T&PGC, bZ2 PSTGC. 1058, Captain at the cont. C/C to 045 T&PGC, 037 PSTGC. C/S to 15 knots. -1103, Maneuvering at various courses and at speeds, standing off Jemo Island. 1115, Disembarked landing party. 1133, Proceeding on various courses and at varaous spoods, circling Jaco Island for charting purposes. Madeumak L.A. EXTAN, LTJG., USNE

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Steaming as before. 1251, Recovered landing party from Jemo Island. 1252, Proceeding to Ailuk Atoll. Base course D60 TaPGC, D53 PSTGC. Speed 15 knots. 1424, C/C to D68 TaPGC, D61 PSTCC. 1426, C/C to S72 TaPGC, D65 PSTGC. 1432, Set the special sea details. OOD at the conn, Ceptain and Mavigator on the bridge. 1442, Captain has the conn. 1454, Standing into Ailuk Atoll Lagoon. Steering various courses and at various speeds conforming to the channel.

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Long Term Activity Estimates For The Northern Marshall Islands

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This paper provides preliminary upper-bound estimates of the residual gamma activity on the northern Marshall Islands due to U.S. atmospheric testing at Bikini. These estimates are intended to be indicative of the activity to be determined by up-coming detailed surveys. Estimates are also provided for islands in the Enewetak atoll and compared with the 1972 survey. Finally, an analysis of wind profiles and fallout patterns is presented which serves to delineate those northern Marshall islands which were uncontaminated by fallout from the Bikini tests.

I. APPROACH

After 20 years or so, the principal fission products of interest are Sr^{90} and Cs^{137} , whose characteristics are summarized below.

Isətəpe	Curies/kt of Fission at H+1	Fraction of Total Curies	Half Life	Decay Mode
Sr ⁹⁰ Cs ¹³⁷	110 - 320	2.1×10 ⁻⁷ 6.1×10 ⁻⁷	29 <i>y</i> 30y	β only β(100%) and γ(93%)

The fractional contribution of Cs^{137} to the one-hour dose rate is not the same as the fraction of total Curies at one hour since the Cs^{137} γ energy is lower than that average energy for all fission products (.66 MeV vs. 2 MeV). This results in a roentgen response for Cs^{137} that is 0.41 times that for the inventory taken as a whole. At some time after burst, when Cs^{137} is the only remaining fission product γ -emitter, the dose rate is given by

 $\dot{D}(T) = \dot{D}(1 \text{ hr}) [6.1 \times 10^{-7} \times 0.41] (0.5)^{T/30}$

where T is in years. Note that beta activity is not being considered here on the presumption that the survey techniques distinguish between

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beta and gamma. The above equation permits estimating the long term gamma activity, provided there are one-hour dose rate measurements at the locations of interest.

II. RESULTS

The first step in the analysis was to compare the dose-rate estimates developed as prescribed above with recent surveys performed for the Enewetak atoll. This comparison would indicate the magnitude of the difference due to neglecting the migration of the isotopes into the soil and plant uptake. Figure 1 is a map of the Enewetak atoll showing the location of 3 islands chosen for the comparison--Alice, Janet, and Yvonne. Table 1 lists the measured dose rate from the 1951-58 operations for these three islands as well as the 1972 estimates for the Cs¹³⁷ component.

The 1972 survey (reported in NV00-140) provides average exposure rates separately for $\mathbb{C}s^{137}$ and $\mathbb{C}o^{60}$. (This latter isotope is not a fission product but results from weapon debris activation). In addition, average profiles are provided of $\mathbb{C}s^{137}$ concentration (pCi/g) versus soil depth for Alice and Janet. It is important to note that there evidently have been no cleanup activities (which would invalidate the comparisons discussed here) on Alice and Janet. Yvonne is a different situation because of construction and earth moving activities during the testing period. Large variations in exposure rates occur on Yvonne; thus, mean levels are misleading. For this reason, Yvonne will be dropped from the comparison.

Table 2 provides the Cs¹³⁷ survey data for Alice and Janet. The dose rates can be compared directly with the estimates of Table 1. As expected, the estimates are high since among other reasons it was assumed that the activity was all on the surface. The soil profiles of activity concentration versus depth can be used to develop a pseudo dose rate by relocating the activity back to the surface. A comparison of this value with the estimate is useful in that the difference is







Table 1. Dose Rate Estimates for Enewetak

OPERATION	YEAR	ONE-HOUR DOSE RATES * (R/HR)						
		ALICE	JANET	YVONNE				
GREENHOUSE	51	550	800	0-1000				
ΙΥΥ	52	2000	20 00 ·	55				
CASTLE	54	50	15	0				
REDWING	56	430	4 80	550-8060				
HARDTACK	58	850	90	305-2500				

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ISLAND	1972 DOSE-RATE* ESTIMATE (MR/HR)
ALICE	0.7 0.7
YVONNE -	0.2-2.0

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*Cs¹³⁷ only.

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I	sland	Surface Dose Rate (mr/hr)	Activity Density (pC1/g) as a Function of Soil Depth (z in cm)
A	lice	.042	67 exp (011 z), 0 < z < 70
່ ເ	lanet	.025	$\begin{cases} 47 \text{ exp (-0.67 z), } 0 < z < 8.2 \\ 22 \text{ exp (025 z), } 8.2 < z < 75 \\ 0.55 \text{ exp (0031 z), } 75 < z < 183 \end{cases}$

Table 2. Selected Cs¹³⁷ Data from 1972 Enewetak Survey



then attributable not to soil migration but rather to plant uptake and other losses. To develop this pseudo dose rate, the following equation was used:

$$A(Ci/m^2) = p \times 10^{-8} \int_{0}^{z_{max}} \alpha(z) dz$$

where α is the activity density in pCi/g, z is the depth in cm, p is the soil density (1.8g/cm³) and the factor of 10⁻⁸ provides the conversion from pCi to Ci and from cm⁻² to m⁻². The dose rate for Cs¹³⁷ is given by

 $\dot{D}(R/HR) = 6.21 A(Ci/m^2)$

Table 3 summarizes the comparison between the estimated and measured Cs^{137} dose rate and the pseudo dose rate as well. As can be seen, the estimate is a factor of about 20 higher than the measured value and that roughly half of this difference can be accounted for by mechanisms other than soil migration. This comparison indicates that simple estimates can be used to provide bounding upper limits and that it might be possible to refine these estimates to within an order of magnitude by correcting for soil migration. The conditions for this refinement would be:

- that for the location of interest, there had been no cleanup or major earth moving prior to the survey and
- b.) that the soil profiles would be similar to that found on undisturbed Enewetak islands receiving fallout (such as Fig. 1409 of "Summary of Findings" chapter of NV00-140).

Having compared dose rate estimates with survey results for Enewetak, we can now turn to those islands in the northern Marshalls that were contaminated by fallout from shots at Bikini.

Because the estimating scheme being used requires the one-hour dose rate as input, it is important to first establish that off-site measurements were made in all cases where there was fallout on the islands of interest. If these data are incomplete, estimations cannot



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		DOSE RATE (MR/HR)	-,
ISLAND	ESTIMATE	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	INFERRED FROM SOIL PROFILE*
Alice	0.7	.042	0.50
Janet	0.7	.025	0.10

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Table 3. Comparison of Estimated and Measured Cs¹³⁷ Activity

*Calculated by relocating activity to surface.

TSLAND	RATIO (ESTIMATE/MEASURED)						
	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	INFERRED MEASUREMENT*					
Alice	17	1.4					
Janet	28	7.0					



be made. Table 4 summarizes the fallout pattern characteristics from the Bikini tests. The last column in most cases indicates that the wind directions precluded fallout on the islands. The definite exceptions are Bravo and Yankee. For Bravo and Yankee, off-site measurements were in fact made. None of the Enewetak shots resulted in fallout on Bikini or other islands to the east, so the test operations in Table 1 can be ignored.

Figure 2 shows the Marshall Islands relative to the test locations. The Bravo fallout pattern has been reconstructed independently by AFSWP, NRDL and RAND using some modelling, while the Yankee pattern is based on extensive surveys. The one-hour dose rates for affected islands are given in Table 5. All of the listed islands are outside the lowest dose-rate (lOOR/HR) contour for Yankee (Rongelap is just barely); the levels are stated only to the nearest decade since extrapolation had to be used. The range of values for Rongelap and Rongerik is due to the variation of the Bravo pattern across the respective island. By and large, Bravo is the predominant contributor.

Table 6 provides 1977 estimates of the Cs^{137} dose rate for these islands. On the basis of the limited comparison performed for the Enewetak case, these values could be reduced by a factor of about 6 to account for soil migration, provided the geology is similar to that for Enewetak.

The final part of this paper is devoted to identifying with high confidence which islands did not receive fallout from the Bikini tests. Table 4, as discussed above, indicates that only Bravo and Yankee definitely resulted in fallout on the islands; this is based on the use of off-site measurements to reconstruct their respective fallout patterns. The other shots in the Castle operation, for which there were no off-site measurements, apparently were not a problem. However, a detailed investigation is warranted and is reported on in the appendix. Also contained there is an extrapolation of the Bravo and Yankee patterns to a level consistent with background.

Table 4. Fallout From Bikini Shots

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•	Shot	Yield	Type	Dir (to)	Meas.	Concl.
CROSSE	ROADS					
Able	(6-30-46)	23KT	Air	· K	No	Direction
Bake	er (7-24-46)	2 3KT	DK	ĸ	No	Direction
CASTLE		•		{		
Brav	0 (2-28-54)	15MT	Surface	E	Yes	Problem
Rome	eo (3-28-54)	+	Barge	W	No	Direction
¹ Koon	(4-6-54)	110KT	Surface	NE	No	Direction
; Unio	on (4-25-54)	+	Barge	NE	No	Direction
Yank	ee (5-4-54)	. +	Barge	NE ·	Yes.	Problem
REDWIN	IG 🔊			i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		•
Cher	— rokez (5-20-56)	>1NT	Air	NH	No	Direction
. Zuni	(5-27-56)	3.5MT	Surface	NK .	Yes	Direction
. Flat	head (6-11-56)	÷	Barge	N	Yes	Direction
Dako	ta (6-25-56)	+	Barge	Я	No	Direction
: Nava	jo (7-10-56)	+	Barge	RW	Yes	Direction
Tewa	(7-21-56)	5MT	Barge	₩₩ :	Yes	Direction
HARDTA	СK		•			
Fir	(5-11-58)	· +	Barge	. N	No	Direction
Nutm	leg (5-21-58)	N	Barge	¥	No	Direction
Svca	more (5-31-58)	-	Barge	H-NE	No	Direction
Mapl	e (6-10-58)	_	Barge	₩-N	No	Direction
Aspe	n (6-14-58)	-	Barge	N	No	Direction
Redw	ood (6-27-58)	-	Barge	17V	No	Direction
Hick	ory (6-29-58)	N	Barge	W	No	Direction
Ceda	r (7-2-58)	-	Barge	NE	No	Direction
Popl	ar (7-12-58)	+	Barge	N-11	No	Direction
Juni	per (7-22-58)	+	Barge	NH	No	Direction

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	Dose Rate (R/Hr)		
Island	Bravo	Yankee	
Rongelap	200-24 00	100	
Ailinginae	100-200	0.1	
Rongerik	200-800	10	
Taka	20	0.1	
Bikar	100	10	
Utirik	2 5	0.1	
Ailuk	1	D	

Table 5. One Hour Dose Rates for Bravo and Yankee

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Table 6. Cs¹³⁷ Dose Rate Estimates for 1977

Island	Dose Rate (mR/HR)
Rongelan	.044 - 3.7
Ailinginae	.015030
Rongerik	.03012
Taka	.003
Bikar .	.015
Utirik	.004
Ailuk	.00015

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On the basis of this investigation, the following islands are extremely unlikely to have received fallout from the Bikini or Enewetak tests at levels higher than the background exposure of 200 mrem/year:

Notto	<u>likien</u>	Aur
Ujae	Wotje	Namu
Lae	Erikub	Jabwot
Lib	•Maloelap	qsfsqsfgnifiA
Majuro	Arno	Mili
Namorik	Kili	Narik
Kusaie	Kwajalein	Jaluit
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and any other islands circumscribed by the above.

The following islands may have received some fallout from nuclear tests. It is unlikely that the intensities would have resulted in an exposure of more than 2 rem the first year; subsequent annual exposures would have been less than background:

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The following islands did receive fallout with intensities ranging from 1 to 2000 R/hr at 1 hr. They are listed in estimated order of decreasing residual activity:

> Rongelap Taongi (based on cloud drift only - no survey data available) Rongerik Ailinginae Bikar Utirik Taka

III. CONCLUSIONS

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The above estimates, even when corrected for soil migration, can only be considered preliminary; they are very likely to be upper bounds. Note that only Cs^{137} has been considered. The addition of Sr^{90} (a beta-emitter) and Co^{60} (which results from weapon debris activation) are necessary in completing the estimates of the total activity present.

The distribution of the activity in the soil, plants and organisms will not be determined by a simple survey of surface contamination. The estimates in this paper, along with such a survey, would be useful in determining such a distribution from the following kinds of additional data:

a.) water table height and variation

b.) physical characteristics of the soil strata

c.) plant categories and root depth.