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/STEPHEN GREENLEIGH OGC; STATE FOR EA/PIA ALSO PASS JUSTICE FOR
JEFFREY AXELRAD, TORTS BR, INT FOR OMSH; DEFENSE FOR OSI/FMRA FOR
ROBERT KUBAL AND OSD/GC (1); JCS FOR COL HAC MURDY, J-3; CINCPAC
FOR J-56 (PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR ZEDER) THIS MESSAGE RELAYED FROM
U.S. DELEGATION MAJURO.

② MARSHALL ISLANDS DELEGATION HAS ASKED FOR A FORMAL STATEMENT
OF USG SELF INTEREST IN ITS MEDICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE
PROGRAMS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. REQUEST ARISES FROM AT LEAST
TWO SIGNIFICANT MISCONCEPTIONS (AND PERHAPS OTHERS):

- THE FAMILIAR "GUINEA PIG" ACCUSATION.
- THE NOTION THAT SINCE THE PROGRAMS ARE REALLY FOR OUR BENEFIT
WE SHOULD PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONDUCTING THEM.

IN ORDER TO DE-FUSE THESE ARGUMENTS, USD HQR ROGER RAY HAS READ
INTO THE RECORD OF A PLENARY SESSION APRIL 29 THE FOLLOWING

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FOR THE RECORD, SINCE WE STILL HOPE TO REACH SOME ACCORD HERE ON MAJURO, WE REQUEST ENDORSEMENT OF THIS STATEMENT BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. DESPITE EDITORIAL IMPERFECTIONS, IF IT CAN BE ENDORSED VERBATIM IT WILL BE MOST HELPFUL. SHOULD THERE BE SUBSTANTIAL DISAGREEMENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE KNOW THAT (IN DETAILS) IMMEDIATELY. STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

1 --THE UNITED STATES CONDUCTS PROGRAMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEDICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM IS TO MITIGATE THE RADIATION RELATED CONSEQUENCES OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR TESTING PROGRAM IN THE MARSHALLS. THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS DEVELOP INFORMATION NEEDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS.

2 --THE SOLE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROGRAMS IS SO THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN INFORM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND PURSUANT TO P.L. 95-334 CARE FOR CERTAIN OF THESE PEOPLE. WITHOUT SUCH JUSTIFICATION THE UNITED STATES WOULD TERMINATE ALL SUCH PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH THE KNOWLEDGE GAINED IN THESE PROGRAMS IS OF INTEREST TO SCIENTISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IS AVAILABLE TO SCIENTISTS EVERYWHERE THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE PER SE IS NEITHER SO UNIQUE NOR SO VALUABLE AS TO JUSTIFY THE PROGRAMS' COST.

3 --WE WISH TO MAKE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES CONDUCT, AND HOPES TO CONTINUE, A SMALL NATURAL SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM AT ENEBETAK ATOLL. THE MID-PACIFIC MARINE LABORATORY OPERATED FOR THE UNITED STATES BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE PEOPLE OF ENEBETAK. IT WILL CONTINUE IN

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SPONSORS AND THE ENEMETAK PEOPLE AND IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND SO LONG AS SUFFICIENT FUNDING REMAINS AVAILABLE.

4 -- NONE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES HAS ANY DEFENSE, NATIONAL SECURITY OR INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION OR SIGNIFICANCE.

② UNQUALIFIED CONCURRENCE OR SLIGHT WORD CHANGES MAY BE TELEPHONED TO W. J. STANLEY, DIRECTOR, PASO OR LOH KILMER, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, USDOE HONOLULU (808-422-4233). IF SIGNIFICANT OR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE REQUIRED, IT SHOULD BE SENT BY PRIORITY TELETYPE TO MR. STANLEY AS WELL AS TO COLONEL PETE BITTERIED, COMMANDER, KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE, HARMED EYES ONLY FOR ROGER RAY, U.S. DELEGATION MAJURO. MESSAGE TO KWAJALEIN SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL.

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