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The following are comments on the <sup>1</sup> points contained in the draft statement presented at the 29 April plenary session by Roger Ray per TWX from PASO received Washington 30 April 1982.

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1. The United States conducts programs of radiological monitoring and medical followup and treatment in the Marshall Islands. The purpose of the medical program is to "provide ... medical care and treatment for any person, <sup>1</sup> residing on Rongelap or Utirik Atolls on March 1, 1954<sup>1</sup>, who has a continuing need for the care and treatment of any radiation injury or illness directly related to the thermonuclear detonation (of March 1, 1954)." The U.S. also has agreed to provide for "medical monitoring" of those Bikinians removed from Bikini Island in August 1978 (agreement signed August 16, 1978, among DOE, TTPI, and Bikini people). The radiological monitoring program is to develop information in order to assess the radiological status of the atolls.
2. The justification for the above mentioned programs <sup>(1)</sup> is a humanitarian effort to provide medical treatment for those persons on Rongelap and Utirik having direct radiation injury and illness, by the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program, <sup>and (2)</sup> so that the United States can inform the High Commissioner <sup>of the</sup> ~~and the~~ Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands ~~authorities~~ with regard to medical followup (agreement signed February 7, 1977, by Oscar DeBrum and Deputy Director, Division of Biology and Medicine, Dr. William W. Burr, Jr.) and the radiological status of the atolls. The medical followup program, existant since the 1950's, was codified into law in P.L. 95-134 with respect to the March 1, 1954, residents of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls, as quoted above.

None of these programs was initiated for or is continued because of any self-interest on the part of the United States Government.

Without the justifications given, the United States would terminate all such programs.

3. The reference to the Mid-Pacific Marine Laboratory is one for which responsibility must be assumed by the U.S. delegation. There are no funds identified by EP or ER to support ~~this laboratory in~~ Fiscal Year 1983; do not concur in this point, and have no interest in a program requiring the use of this laboratory. Continued operation of this laboratory should not be offered as a condition of approval of the Compact.

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The following are comments on the 4 points contained in the draft statement presented at the 29 April plenary session by Roger Roy per TWX from PASO received, <sup>Washington</sup> ~~April~~ 30 April, 1982.

1. ~~The purpose~~ The United States conducts programs of <sup>radiological monitoring</sup> ~~environmental~~ and medical <sup>follow-up</sup> ~~monitoring~~ and treatment in the Marshall Islands. The purpose of the medical of the medical program is to "provide medical care and treatment for any person <sup>(residing in Rongerik or the atolls in Marsh, 1954)</sup> who has a continuing need for the care and treatment ~~for any person~~ of any radiation injury or illness directly related to the thermonuclear detonation (of Marsh 1, 1954)." The U.S. also has agreed

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To provide for "medical monitoring" of those Bikinians removed from Bikini Island in August, 1978, <sup>signed April 16, 1978</sup> (agreement <sup>DOH, ITPE, and other people</sup>)

The radiological monitoring program is to develop <sup>develop</sup> information as to the radiological status of the atolls.

2. The sole justification for the above-mentioned

program is so that the United States can inform

the High Commissioner and the Trust Territory of the <sup>authorities</sup>

Pacific Islands, (agreement signed Feb. 7, 1977 by

Oscar DeBorja and ~~Dr.~~ Deputy Director, Division of Biology and Medicine, Dr. William W. Burns, Jr.)

with regard to medical follow-up and the radiological

status of the atolls. The medical follow-up

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law in P.L. 95-134 with respect to the March 1, 1954,  
residents of Rongelap and Ujae Atoll, as quoted  
above. None of these programs was initiated for or  
is continued because of any self-interest on the  
part of the United States Government. Without the  
justification given, the United States would terminate  
all such programs, ~~even though the knowledge~~  
~~gained in these programs is of interest to scientists~~  
~~throughout the world.~~

3. The reference to the Mid-Pacific Marine  
Laboratory ~~is~~ is one for which responsibility  
must be assumed by the U.S. delegation. WSEF

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and ER do not concern in this point and have  
no interest in a program requiring the use of  
this laboratory.

4. Although as this point is valid, it is contrary  
to the content of a memorandum signed by ASD  
to the Secretary.