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FOLDER OrganizationIntroduction

The Introduction was made by CDR Wolff, Chairman of the Eniwetok Coordination Committee. He explained our responsibility--some months ago the General Manager assigned DMA the responsibility for coordinating activities involving Eniwetok with the AEC. The primary mission of this Committee is to establish an informal channel of communications within the working level on matters concerning Eniwetok and whatever occurs on Eniwetok in the next couple of years. Secondly, we want to make sure that we have a point of contact within the Headquarters' divisions through which we can work and coordinate various matters. We want to get standard terminology worked out. As a final point on the Introduction--we prepared a talking paper for General Camm who attended an interagency meeting with Interior on September 7, 1972. There was a description of each tab to the talking paper. There was also an explanation of some of the papers preceding Tab 1. CAPT Gay made a few comments. The first thing being that there was a working group developed at this interagency meeting consisting of CAPT Schuller, CAPT Gay, and Mr. DeYoung. Secondly, he briefed the Committee on the interagency meeting:

He said there was a bit of political implication with the whole movement (Marshallese). These people would like to return to the island. At the meeting, Mr. Futral from DNA gave briefings on the Atoll--surveys that have been completed; meetings that have been held; history; important elements to be considered in planning; and a number of other topics which required discussion such as responsibilities, food chain, funding sources of logistic administrative source, who is going to be the lead agency within the Government, use rights, and environmental impact statement. He outlined a plan for cleanup. Most of the things were derived in measure from a meeting between AEC and DNA that was held at AEC Headquarters on August 17, 1972. We have draft minutes from NV of the August 17 meeting (these minutes were circulated to those in attendance).

Roger Ray gave a presentation on the radiological conditions of the island. Uncertainties are the food-chain area, whether the inhabitants can live off the Atoll, the need to return the Atoll to the Trust Territory and return of people. CAPT Gay and Peter Coleman (Deputy High Commissioner, TTPI) think that it is possible to have a partial return of the people to some of the islands of the Atoll and not to others. Mr. Coleman made comments: (1) OEO lawyers are in

the act with the natives to assure that their case is heard--there are 416 people who have eligibility--they would like to return 50 people to Japtan Island by December 1972 (this number would be working individuals). (2) Diet consists of fish and rice--thus discussions on the food chain are essential. (3) Mr. Carpenter asked is the return to the TTPI by the end of 1973 feasible--answer yes. (4) Could we retain some islands in their entirety--Interior's counsel--return to Trust Territory but not return natives. (5) Discussed the differences in ownership--Eniwetok and Bikini. (6) Eniwetokese want to provide help in cleanup. (7) Divided responsibilities among agencies: DOD -- fund and be the lead agency re cleanup, AEC -- survey and assessment and Interior -- rehabilitation cost. (8) Environmental impact statement--one will be needed--DOD's responsibility. (9) Ocean dumping: point was made that there was a convention in process and bills are in both Houses of Congress. (10) Reparations status. (11) Appoint a working group as mentioned earlier.

#### Recent Developments

1. Charter to NV has been transmitted--copies to all members.
2. Technical meeting at LLL on September 19-20, 1972.

Radiological survey will be started early October--period of about six weeks. Problem--NV is trying to establish a logistic requirement--what they have to get out to the island and when, logistically. Latest word--SAMTEC called Roger Ray September 13--it will be three or four weeks before they can get a plane. Special mission-type aircraft required. LLL wants to bring a fully-equipped trailer to the island to save reassembly.

There was a description of the overall program--the basic interagency coordination will be by the normal staff people--operations from the AEC, radiological NV, and engineering survey DNA. DNA (as DOD agents) will support us. AEC delegated NV working on an operating basis with DNA. An explanation of the chain of command was given. PALOMBO will support the field survey effort--September-December 1972. It has lab equipment on board.

DOS has a draft plan which will be finalized next week.

### Funding

For the survey effort, including analysis and assessment, the funding responsibilities have been assigned by the General Manager: DOS - \$100 K; DBER - \$200 K; the balance from the weapons program.

In FY 1974 DMA will pick up the whole tab for normal AEC support and studies which have a routine and continuing character to them. The DOD has the entire funding responsibility for the cleanup effort, which will require AEC support on a reimbursable basis. The point was made that there are three efforts here:

1. Initial survey to find out what the problem is--AEC FY 1973 funding responsibility.
2. Cleanup--DOD funding.
3. Continuous radiological checking and monitoring of the food chain--AEC FY 1974 and beyond funding through DMA.

DOS and DBER had been sent memoranda requesting their FY 1974 (and onward) requirements. All representatives (including DOS and DBER) were urged to provide DMA (Tests) with their requirements for FY 1974 as soon as possible.

Question re LLL participation. A number of labs will be on hand to analyze survey samples.

### Discussion

OIS question -- Is a public information paper needed regarding the survey? Yes. This will be one of the first items on the agenda for the working group meeting--Schuller, Gay, and DeYoung.

CAPT Gay made three points:

1. He has discussed with Mr. Deal the equipment requirements for their (DOS) part in the survey, such as boats, helos, etc.
2. Should HASL be invited to LLL meeting? DBER said no. Mr. Deal wanted them invited because of the air sampling. Mr. Deal will contact Mr. Nervik regarding this subject.
3. CAPT Gay has been requested to present a Commission briefing on Eniwetok. It was decided CAPT Gay would do the brief with DOS, OIS, and DBER as backup. (After the meeting, this briefing was scheduled for the week of October 16, 1972.)

Next meeting will be September 25, 1972, at 2:00 p.m.

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