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LAWRENCE LIVERMORE SCIENTISTS REPORT THAT THE CISTERN DRINKING WATER SAMPLED FROM TWO BUILDINGS ON BIKINI ISLAND DURING NOVEMBER 1977 CONTAINED 25-80 COLIFORM COLONIES PER 100 ML AS DETERMINED BY MEMBRANE FILTER TECHNIQUE. THESE LEVELS EXCEED CURRENT U.S. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT A MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION OF THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ON BIKINI AND ENYU ISLANDS BE MADE BY TTPI HEALTH OFFICIALS. THAT THE CAUSE OF THE LEVELS OF CONTAMINATION BE DETERMINED AND THAT SOME ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO PURIFY CURRENT SUPPLIES. END

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