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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN McCONE  
COMMISSIONER GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER WILSON  
COMMISSIONER OLSON  
GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ON EPG DURING EXERCISE HOTPOINT (U)

In Chairman McCone's March 30, 1960 letter to Honorable Thomas C. Jeter Jr., the DoD was informed that the Commission could concur in the program to fire 5 Atlas missiles into Eniwetok Lagoon provided, among other conditions, that contractor personnel were evacuated from the Atoll during the time that the warhead was expected to impact in the lagoon . . . .

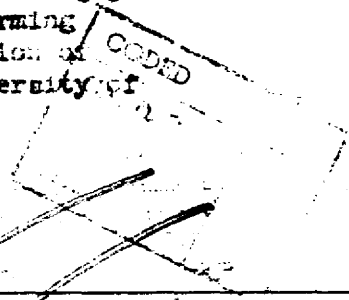
In June 30, 1960 the Eniwetok Proving Ground was transferred from the AEC to the Department of Defense and all contractor personnel there, except 10 described below, now are employed under DoD contract.

DoD does not plan to evacuate its contractor personnel during the Atlas firings now scheduled to commence July 14, 1960. Instead, personnel not essential to the operation will be sheltered in a reinforced concrete NATO magazine covered with a two inch steel plate plus one foot of earth, and in a former IBM building reinforced with exterior walls one foot thick, and a reinforced concrete roof slab 8 inches thick.

There are now 10 representatives of several universities engaged at the Marine Biology Laboratory on Ferry Island performing studies on ecology and radiation effects under a Division of Biology and Medicine contract administered by the University of

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Hawaii. Four more students are scheduled for an early arrival. Dr. R. W. Hiatt, Dean and Director of Research at the University of Hawaii, has immediate cognizance of this DBM program. He has recently returned from Eniwetok, after discussing subject problem with the officer in charge. Both believe evacuation of these few University personnel to be unnecessary and reached agreement that, instead, they will be directed to take shelter along with DoD contractor personnel. Dr. Hiatt, in fact, prefers this solution.

Therefore, unless you object, the small number of University students working on the DBM project at Eniwetok will be placed in shelters during exercise HOTPOINT.

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