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UNCLAS/N O N W D/ SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS
TASK GROUP. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS UPON
YOUR JANUARY 11 DRAFT.

PAGE 100, MIDDLE PARAGRAPH; THE CONCEPT OF 'ACCEPTABLE RISK'
IS AN UNDERSTANDABLE ONE WHEN WE SPEAK OF CHOICE FOR ASSUMED
OR ANTICIPATED BENEFIT. THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK, HOWEVER,
PRESENT A SPECIAL CASE - A PEOPLE WHO ARE TO BE OFFERED SOME
CHOICES PERTAINING TO THE RESUMPTION OF A WAY OF LIFE WHICH
WAS INTERRUPTED FOR REASONS NOT VERY COMPREHENSIBLE TO THEM.
WHETHER OR NOT 'MAN' WISHES TO DISPENSE WITH ACTIVITIES INVOLV-
ING EXPOSURE TO IONIZING RADIATION, THESE PEOPLE - AN INFINE-
TESIMAL SEGMENT OF 'MAN' - HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED ENORMOUSLY
IN BEHALF OF 'MAN'. OUR ONLY BASIS FOR ASKING THEM TO ACCEPT
ANY RISK IS THAT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO REDUCE IT OR, FOR
ECONOMIC OR OTHER REASONS, ARE UNWILLING TO DO SO.

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PAGE 122, BOTTOM PARAGRAPH; I WOULD ARGUE THAT SELECTING
SITES FOR THE PLANTING OF FOOD SOURCES AND FOR DRILLING WELLS
IS - EFFECTIVELY, AT LEAST - AN ADVISORY ACTION. WE DO NOT
THEREBY DENY PLANTING OR DRILLING OTHER LOCATIONS. WE MAY
ENCOURAGE CONSUMPTION OF THE 'GOOD' AND REJECTION OF THE
'BAD', BUT AS POPULATION PRESSURES DEVELOP AND OTHER NATURAL
OCCURENCES MODIFY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE POPULATION TO ITS
ENVIRONMENT, OUR SO-CALLED ENGINEERING ACTIONS MAY NO LONGER
BE EFFECTIVE.

PAGE 123, FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH; I QUESTION WHETHER THE 'U.S.
PARTIES' HAVE THE OPTION OF DEFERRING REHABILITATION OF THE
ATOLL. WE ARE COMMITTED - MORALLY AND PROBABLY LEGALLY -
TO EARLY REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT.

PAGE 123, SECOND PARAGRAPH; COST IN DOLLARS IS A CONCEPT WE
HAD BEST BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT. THE DOLLARS ARE U.S. DOLLARS.
THEY REPRESENT A DEMAND ON GOODS AND SERVICES WHICH ARE AT THE
COMMAND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THUS, WHEN
WE TALK OF DOLLAR COST WE ARE TALKING SIMPLY OF THE ORDERING
OF PRIORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES. FROM THAT STANDPOINT AND
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK IT IS UNLIKELY

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THAT ANYTHING TRANSCENDS IN IMPORTANCE THE EARLY AND SAFE RE-
SETTLEMENT OF THEIR ATOLL.

PAGE 141, RECOMMENDATION 9.C; AGAIN I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE
CAREFUL IN OUR REFERENCE TO COST FACTORS AS NOTED ON PAGE 123.

PAGE 141, RECOMMENDATION 11; RATHER THAN RECOMMEND OR COMMIT
OURSELVES TO A BASE LINE SURVEY PRIOR TO RETURN OF THE PEOPLE
OF ENEWETAK, I THINK WE SHOULD PLAN FOR THE SURVEY 'AT THE TIME
OF RETURN'. THIS IS PURELY FOR CONVENIENCE OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
IN VIEW OF THE VERY CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN MOUNTING ANY
EXPEDITIONARY EFFORT AT UJPLANG.

PAGE 142, RECOMMENDATION 12; I PERSONALLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
WE SHOULD FORECLOSE THE OPTION OF ON-ATOLL ENGINEERED STORAGE
OF PLUTONIUM CONTAMINATED SOIL.

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