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UNCLAS / PLANNED VISIT WITH DISTAD DEBRUM AT MAJURO CHANGED TO KWAJALEIN AT HIS REQUEST SINCE HE WAS VISITING KWAJ ENROUTE FROM A BIKINI INSPECTION AND PLANNED TO VISIT RONGELAP FOR FUNERAL. DEBRUM ARRIVED WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACCOMPANIED BY ATTORNEY HAMLET BARRY. THURSDAY MORNING WE THREE MET FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, THEN WERE JOINED FIRST BY MICRONESIAN CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS AND LATER BY UJELANG MAGISTRATE SMITH GIDEON AND COUNCILMAN JOHN EBREM. THE ONLY REAL QUESTION BARRY AND BALOS HAD WAS WHETHER IN FACT PACE HAS SUSPENDED ALL ACTIVITIES. BARRY BELIEVED ME BUT SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT MITCHELL TO BELIEVE UNTIL HE OR ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES SEES FOR HIMSELF. I URGED HIM TO DO SO AND SAID THAT IF

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HE COULD AND WOULD, I WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET AN IMMEDIATE VISIT APPROVED (NOT WANTING TO ACT UNILATERALLY). UNFORTUNATELY, THE SAME SUBJECT HAD BEEN AT ISSUE IN THE COURTS IN HAWAII, WITH DOD SEEKING A PROTECTIVE INJUNCTION. THE TERMS OF THE COURT RESOLUTION OF THAT ISSUE MADE OUR VISIT INADVISABLE, AND THE MATTER WAS DROPPED.

WE DID, HOWEVER, DECIDE THAT A VISIT TO UJELANG WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. THAT SEEMED POSSIBLE SINCE A NAVY AMPHIBIAN FROM GUAM WAS ARRIVING KWAJ AND WAS PLACED AT OUR DISPOSAL. THE TRIP, WHICH WE PLANNED FOR MONDAY 20TH, THEN ADVANCED TO SUNDAY, WAS FINALLY CANCELLED DUE FIRST OF ALL TO LIMITED PASSENGER CAPACITY (4) AND SECONDLY TO CONFLICT WITH RONGELAP FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

WE HAD A CONSTRUCTIVE FRIDAY MEETING WITH BARRY AND BALOS, DEBRUM AND PETE COLEMAN TO HEAR LCDR. BROWN AND EARL GILMORE DESCRIBE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND DISASSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM PACE. AGAIN I THINK BARRY

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WAS COMPLETELY SATISFIED, THOUGH HE PRESSED PRETTY HARD ON A DATE FOR REPOPULATION AND FOR AN AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT TO REINHABIT JAPTAN IN ADVANCE OF THE ALL CLEAR. WE OF COURSE MADE NO COMMITMENTS ALTHOUGH I DID VENTURE A PERSONAL OPINION THAT FROM A RADIOLOGICAL STANDPOINT, ONCE THE FOOD CHAIN QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IT WOULD SEEM FEASIBLE TO BRING SOME PEOPLE TO JAPTAN. I DID, HOWEVER, OBSERVE THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER PARTIAL REPOPULATION CONCURRENT WITH CLEANUP WOULD BE MANAGEABLE AND DESIRABLE IS PROPERLY A HICOM QUESTION. UNFORTUNATELY SMITH GIDEON AND EBREM MISSED THE BOAT THAT MORNING FROM EB EYE. HOWEVER, KNOWING THAT WE WOULD MEET LATER AT UJELANG, WE PROCEEDED WITHOUT THEM. THE MAGISTRATE HAD HIS FAMILY WITH HIM AND ALL WERE ABOARD THE TRUST TERRITORY VESSEL PALAU ISLANDER DOCKED AT EB EYE. I VISITED THEM FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND WE ALL VISITED THEM SUNDAY AFTER CANCELLING THE UJELANG TRIP.