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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTIVE MEDICAL TEAM VISIT

A. MSG USRDA HICKAM AFB HI/PATO DTG 080135Z JUN 77.

B. MSG FCDNA KIRTLAND AFB NM/FC DTG 082149Z JUL 77

C. PHONOON CG LACY/COL MIXAN 14 JUL 77

1. I HAVE GIVEN CPT BYRD, ENVIRONMENTAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE UNIT SIX, PEARL HARBOR, AND HIS TEAM OF EXPERTS TOTAL ACCESS TO ENEWETAK ATOLL BASE CAMP AREAS AND FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF A COMPLETE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE EVALUATION.

2. CPT BYRD'S OPINION IS THAT THE OVERALL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOOD HEALTH STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL ARE BEING FOLLOWED.

3. CPT BYRD HAS ADVISED THAT PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN THIS STATION  
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REF TTPI EMPLOYEES ARE ADEQUATE TO PREVENT OCCURRENCE OF INFESTATION OF PARASITES TO PERSONNEL LIVING AND WORKING ON THE ATOLL.

4. ALL TWELVE TTPI EMPLOYEES AT ENEWETAK HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR MEDICAL MANAGEMENT. ONE OF THE INITIAL SIX EMPLOYEES WHO VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTED TO TREATMENT HAS BEEN CURED THIS DATE. TREATMENT CONTINUES ON THOSE WHO FAILED PLUS REMAINING SIX EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT PROGRAM AS OF 13 JUL 77.

5. ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TREATED AS DEMONSTRATED BY LABORATORY EXAMINATION, CPT BYRD STATES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD PRESENT NO SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF OTHER PERSONNEL IF PROPER SANITATION STANDARDS ARE FOLLOW.

6. REINFESTATION IS POSSIBLE IF EXPOSURE BY VISITS TO OTHER AREAS OCCURS. REEXAMINATION QUARTERLY IS RECOMMENDED TO DETECT ANY REINFESTATION WHICH MIGHT OCCUR.

7. CPT BYRD STATES THAT DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE PARASITES, RISK OF TRANSMISSION BY FOODHANDLERS IS MINIMAL. HOWEVER, AS THE ATOLL COMMANDER I PERSONALLY DESIRE TO USE AS FOODHANDLERS, ONLY THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO MEET EXISTING HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED AND CURED.

8. THIS MSG HAS BEEN FULLY COORDINATED WITH CPT BRYD AND LTC THORPE.  
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