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UNCLAS/V. R. HORWOOD, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC, IS PLANNING TO VISIT THIS OFFICE DURING THE WEEK OF NOV. 13-19. HE HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE STATUS OF BIKINI AS TO WHEN IT CAN BE INHABITED AND CONTACTS AND PROCEDURE NECESSARY TO RETURN IT TO THE FORMER INHABITANTS.
- 2. PROCEDURE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF BIKINI VESSELS ABANDONED AFTER NUCLEAR TESTS. WE PROPOSE VESSELS BE BE TURNED OVER TO TRUST TERRITORY WHO HAVE INDICATED THEY MIGHT GIVE THEM AS SCRAP TO JAPANESE FIRM IN RETURN FOR CLEANING UP WAR DEBRIS.
- J. INFORMATION AS TO WAY DASA RETAINS LEASES ON WEATHER/RAD SAFE SITES ON THE ISLANDS OF UJELANG, RONGELAP, UTRIK, MUSAIE, EAPINGANANAGE AND WOTHO. A LETTER DATED JUNE 19, 1964 TO

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CONTINUE THE AGREEMENT INDEFINITELY. THE T.T. HAD RECOMMENDED RETURN OF THE SITES TO THE OWNERS IN LETTER DATED FEB 26, 1963. IF RELEASE IS POSSIBLE WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE CHANNELS TO ACCOMPLISH IT IN ORDER TO ADVISE THE T. T. AGREEMENT BETWEEN T. T. AND DOD ADMINISTERED BY DASA IS DATED JUNE 28, 1961 AND SUPERSEDES THE AEC AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 5, 1957 AND EXTENDED THRU JUNE 30, 1966. PARA. HAO HAY NOT BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED, BUT ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN ON THESE QUESTIONS WOULD NELP TO ESTABLISH THE GOOD WILL OF THE T. T. WHICH IS NEEDED FOR SUPPORT OF OUR BIO-MED PROGRAMS. A PROMPT RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO FACILITATE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR, HORWOOD THE WEEK OF NOW 13. END REF NOA:NSR-2496