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THE PRICER FROM HONOLULU. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION WHICH YOU REQUESTED CONCERNING THE EVACUATION OF NATIVES IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DUE TO A TEST THERE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE OBTAINED BY AN UNBIASED FROM JOINT TASK FORCE 7. IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NECESSARY COMMUNICATION MUST BE DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, TO THE COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE. WILL EXPLAIN THIS PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT BY CALLING THE COMMANDER MORNING, SUGGESTED TEXT OF THE TASK COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMANDER FROM WASHINGTON FOLLOWS: OUR FILES ON THE EVACUATION OF NATIVES SUBSEQUENT TO BOMB TESTS INDICATE AS FOLLOWS: 1. THAT NATIVES WERE NOT EVACUATED FROM THEIR ISLANDS PRIOR TO BOMB BECAUSE NO SIGNIFICANT FALL-OUT WAS EXPECTED IN THESE AREAS; 2. THAT 236 NATIVES WERE EVACUATED TO KHAJALEIK FOR SAFETY AND TREATMENT (65 FROM BONGELAP, 17 FROM AILINGINAE, AND 154 FROM UTIRIK); 3. THAT ALL OF THESE NATIVES WERE EVACUATED BY 022200 ZEBRA/MAHAK; 4. THAT THEY HAVE SINCE ALL REMAINED AT KHAJALEIK; AND 5. THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF AILINGINAE AND BONGELAP GROUPS HAVE SHOWN VARYING DEGREES OF EPILATION AND SKIN LESIONS, THAT NONE IN UTIRIK GROUP HAVE SHOWN ANY INDICATIONS OF EPILATION OR SKIN LESIONS, AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DEFINITE INDICATION OF RADIATION SICKNESS AMONG THE NATIVES. PLEASE CONFIRM IF FOREGOING

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IN THIS AND INFORM US AS TO ANY ADDITIONAL FACTS CONCERNING PERSONAL INJURY TO NATIVES WHICH YOU MAY HAVE. IN ADDITION PLEASE INFORM US AS TO WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THERE WAS DAMAGE DONE TO THE PROPERTY OF NATIVES BY DEATHS AND, WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE NATIVES WERE PERMITTED TO REMOVE THEIR PROPERTY FROM THEIR ISLANDS AT THE TIME OF EVACUATION, WHETHER THERE WAS ANY DAMAGE DONE AS A RESULT OF LEAVING PROPERTY ON THE ISLANDS AFTER EVACUATION, WHAT STEPS WERE TAKEN BY YOU TO PROTECT NATIVES' PROPERTY LEFT ON ISLANDS AND WHETHER ANY NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH THE NATIVES AS TO COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL OR PROPERTY INJURY OR DAMAGE. END RW 6-4

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