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as total settlement without regard to itemization. The Foreign Minister replied with a figure in yen amounting to \$433,000. The Ambassador inquired if a figure in yen equal to \$500,000 would not suffice. After some discussion it appeared to the Ambassador that a settlement of \$750,000 - in yen - would be acceptable. He was anxious that settlement be made in the interest of quelling the agitation that is raging over the radiation incident.

Administrator Stassen of the FGA who was presiding then inquired of me if AEC would be able to provide funds. I replied that the last word I had was that the AEC attorneys had been unable to find justification in our legislation authorizations for expenditure of moneys appropriated to the Agency for settling a Japanese claim. I did not report further the situation set forth in AEC 730/1 which was that in a conference in the Bureau of the Budget it had been agreed that the finding of funds to settle the Japanese claim was a problem for the Department of State. The question then was raised whether the President's Emergency Fund could be used.

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2. Did the Ambassador believe that there was any evidence of espionage or propaganda for the presence of the Fukuryu Maru in the Marshalls and for the move of the Japanese government after the vessel returned with its injured crew? Answer - The Ambassador did not believe that there was any such motivation; that it was a bona fide accident, not pre-planned. He referred the group to the Embassy's analytical cable discussing the whole incident and the political reasons to be drawn from it which is circulated to the Commissioners as ABC 730/2.

3. Also from General Brkins, - Was there any indication of trouble in the way of anti-American feeling being roused by the reports from the oceanographic expedition which is now touring the Mid Pacific areas? Answer - There had been some strange and, in a small way, disturbing reports directional back from the boat but the impact had not been great.

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almost total lack of clinical reports from the Japanese doctors. At this point I asked leave to remark that Mr. Tsunaki had authorized us to say in an AEC release on his visit with Chairman Strauss, that the latest word from Japan was that all the fishermen were making satisfactory progress toward recovery, and that a Reuters dispatch from Tokyo on Monday had quoted unidentified Japanese physicians as saying that all would recover. Mr. Stassen commented to the UKIA representative, Andrew Bording (Deputy Director), that attention should be drawn in every way possible to the favorable prognosis of the cases of the fishermen so that in case of any of them later died from causes other than radiation, it would have been previously established in the public mind generally around the world that radiation exposure had not been severe enough to cause death.

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