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AEC PASS TO STARBIRD. AFSWP PASS TO PARKER. FROM LUEDECKE.

REFERENCE YOUR C-26 DTG 161836Z.

IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO SPARE AN LST FOR USE BY CONARD AND GROUP AT RONGELAP. THOSE AVAILABLE ARE REQUIRED ABSOLUTELY FULL TIME⁷ AT JOHNSTONE⁷ AND SHUTTLING BETWEEN.

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IN LOCKING FOR A WAY WE COULD DO THE JOBS⁷ ONLY SOLUTION WE CAN FIND IS TO LOAD THE 21 TON COUNTER IN AN LCU⁷ PLACE THE LCU ABOARD AN LSD⁷ TRANSPORT IT TO RONGELAP AND LEAVE THE LCU THERE FOR CONARD AND PARTY TO WORK FROM. LSD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 77 MAY ENIWETOK TIME AND MUST BE BACK IN ENIWETOK ON 18 MAY FOR LOADING FOR A SECOND TRIP TO JOHNSTON. THIS TIME IS CRITICAL. PARTY WOULD HAVE TO BE HERE AND READY TO GO ON THAT DATE. LCU HAS SHOWERS⁷ AND REASONABLE LIVING FACILITIES FOR SHORT PERIOD CAN BE PROVIDED.

IT WULD APPEARH THAT A REAPPRAISAL OF THE ADVISABILITY OF ATTEMPTING SUCH A RESURVEY⁷ DURING THE COURSE OF HARDTACK⁷ IS INDICATED. CERTAINLY IT APPEARS INEVITABLE THAT THE RADIATION BACKGROUND LEVELS WILL INCREASE ON RONGELAP AND THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CONTAMINATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND EQUIPMENT INVOLVED. CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE THE TIME OF CONARD,S ARRIVAL IN THE EPG AND THE SHOTS TO OCCUR DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SURVEY⁷ PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN INCREASE IN RADIATION

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EXPERIENCE INDICATES THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN INCREASE IN RADIATION
LEVEL DEGREE SUFFICIENT TO SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE⁷ OR EVEN NEGATE⁷
THE RESULTS. UNLESS THE URGENCY IS SUCH AS TO IMPEL ACCEPTANCE
OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH EQUIVOCAL DATA⁷ IT IS RECOMMENDED
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS EFFORT
UNTIL A LATER AND MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TIME

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