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IF USSR makes propaganda attack on US re Pollution from thermo-
explosions nuclear explosions US Delegation should point out this matter not ~~use~~
agenda. However, statement quoted below should be/in reply unless
in Delegation's judgment, it is not adequately responsive. In that event,
reserve right to reply and cable substance/^{USSR}statement.

*In the opinion of the Atomic Energy Commission scientific staff
based on long-term studies of fish in the presence of
radioactivity, there is negligible hazard, if any, in consumption
of fish caught in the Pacific Ocean outside the immediate test
areas subsequent to the tests. There may be some hazard from
the consumption of fish caught in the immediate test area for a
short time subsequent to the tests. The extent of this latter type
hazard can be determined and guard set against it by monitoring the
radioactivity in the fish catch from the affected areas during the
period of the tests and a short time thereafter. The United States
Government is establishing such monitoring of Pacific ports; it is
understood that the Japanese Government is doing the same. To
gather

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gather further scientific knowledge on this subject, the US Government is making a scientific analysis of any data gather by its own Pacific port checks and will assist the Japanese Government and univarcities in similarly analyzing data resulting from Japanese port monitoring.

"As to ocean currents, warm currents which flow from the Marshall Islands area westward and northward eventually joining the Japanese current move slowly (less than one mile an hour). ^{Any} ~~the~~ radioactivity collected in the test area would become harmless within a few miles after being picked up by these currents and would become completely undetectable within 500 miles or less."

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