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To: Attn: The Chief of Maval Operations.

The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Director, Division of Biology and Medicine.

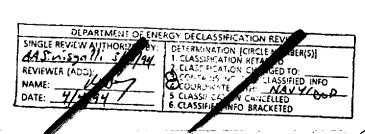
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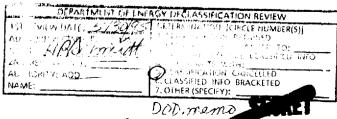
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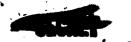
Radiobiological Survey of Bikini Lagoon.

Reference:

- (a) AEC Secret 1tr BM:SW, dated May 28, 1948.
- (b) AEC Conf ltr BM: JHF, dated June 14, 1948.
- In compliance with request contained in reference (a), the Navy will support a radiobiological survey of Bikini Lagoon to the extent requested in the basic letter and developed further by informal conference.
- For purposes of this survey, the survey party is authorized to visit and conduct such surveys as it considers required in Bikini Lagoon and Eniwetok Lagoon.
- Travel via Military Air Transport Service with a Priority TWO has been authorized from San Francisco to Kwajalein and return. Individual travel orders have been issued for the members of the party and will be in the custody of the Liaison Officer of the party. One thousand pounds of excess freight have been authorized in addition to the personal baggage of the members of the party. is understood that the Atomic Energy Commission will arrange transportation for all members of the expedition and their gear to the San Francisco area.
- District Intelligence Officers of the Naval Districts closest to the homes of the civilian members of the party have been authorized to issue identification cards for the expedition, carrying on the face thereof a statement that citizenship has been verified by the Intelligence Officer concerned. To obtain these cards it will be necessary for each member of the party to visit the District Intelligence Officer concerned personally and present at that time evidence of citizenship. Lieutenant J. J. Schmidt, USN, has been ordered on temporary additional duty to report







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to Washington, D. C., for briefing by the Atomic Energy Commission, and then to act as Liaison Officer for the expedition during the movement to Kwajalein. Such additional liaison or assistance as may be required can be obtained by the head of the expedition from the Island Commander at Kwajalein.

- 5. For purposes of security, it is understood that only official cameras will accompany the expedition and that all film exposed will be processed under the supervision of the Atomic Energy Commission. It is requested that any news releases concerning the expedition be cleared both by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Director of Public Relations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
- 6. The mailing address for the expedition will be c/o Island Commander, Kwajalein, Nav 824, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Celifornia.
- 7. It is understood that an allocation of \$20,000 has been made to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts to cover extraordinary expenses incurred by the expedition. The cost of travel incurred by any personnel in the Navy assisting in the expedition will be properly chargeable to such an allotment.
- 8. Your attention is invited to the existing instructions issued to the Commander-in-Chief Pacific and Pacific Fleet which provide: "You will not be responsible for the safety measures adopted to protect members of duly authorized scientific and survey parties from radiological hazards. This responsibility will rest with the senior member of the party".
- 9. For purposes of facilitiating communications, it is requested that the subject expedition be known as the "AEC Donaldson Survey".
- 10. It is understood that the expedition will consist of the following twelve civilian members and no others:

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ll. Early confirmation of the provisions indicated above is requested.

A. D. STRUBLE

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Operations)

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