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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR MR. HERTES JOHN
MR. THEODORE MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MICRONESIAN
LEGAL SERVICES, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED
TO MR. HERTES JOHN, MAGISTRATE OF ENEWETAK, FOR HIS REVIEW IN
PREPARATION FOR A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. MITCHELL IN THE NEAR FUTURE:
"APRIL 27, 1979

FROM: DISTAD MAJURO MARSHALL ISLANDS

TO: SEC. STATE. PASS TO DOTA DOI AND OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN
STATUS NEGOTIATIONS (OMSN) RECENT WORLD WIDE MEDIA COVERAGE
OF THREE MILE ISLANDS NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT
CONCERN OF WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
AFFECTED RESIDENTS HAS ONCE AGAIN FOCUSED ATTENTION OF MARSHALLESE
VICTIMS OF NUCLEAR TESTING ON CURRENT AND POTENTIAL MEDICAL
AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO

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AMERICAN NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE MARSHALLS. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED
TO URGE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BEAR ON THE WELFARE
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS AFFECTED BY THE TESTS. IN ADDITION
TO A FULL REPORT ON THE RECENTLY CONDUCTED NORTHERN MARSHALLS
RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY, WE WISH TO REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE
BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO THE MAY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
MEETING:

1. WHY WERE THE PEOPLE OF LIKIEP LEFT OUT OF RADIOLOGICAL
AND MEDICAL SURVEYS IN SPITE OF ALARMING INCREASE IN OCCURRENCE
OF THYROID ILLNESSES AND OTHER CANCER CASES?
2. EXACTLY WHAT WAS MEANT BY REFERRAL OF DR. CONRAD'S TEAM
TO "NATURALLY HIGH INCIDENCE OF GOITER AMONGST DESCENDANTS OF
EARLY EUROPEAN SETTLERS IN THE NORTHERN MARSHALLS" IN CONNECTION
WITH POTENTIAL LIKIEP VICTIMS?
3. ARTICLE IN HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN AND ADVERTISER
BY BILL [REDACTED] (WASHINGTON POST SERVICE) ALLEGES COVERUP OF AEC
STUDIES [REDACTED] THYROID CANCER AND LEUKEMIA LINKAGE TO EXPOSURE. HOW
WERE THE MARSHALLS AFFECTED BY SUCH COVERUPS AND DOCUMENTS
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY MARSHALLESE COUNSEL?

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4. WILL THE UNITED STATES OBJECT TO THIRD COUNTRY OBSERVATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF AFFECTED NORTHERN MARSHALLS RESIDENTS AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF NORTHERN MARSHALL RADIATION SURVEY?

5. WILL THE UNITED STATES ONCE AND FOR ALL SETTLE THE CONTINUING DEBATES FOR BIKINI AS TO ITS SAFETY. ONCE IT WAS DECLARED SAFE, RESIDENTS WERE MOVED BACK, ONLY TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY RELOCATED DUE TO HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION. NOW REPORTS INDICATE ENEU MAY BE SAFE FOR HABITATION ONCE AGAIN REKINDLING HOPE OF REPATRIATION WITHIN THE EXILED POPULATION. WHEN WILL THIS END?

6. IN VIEW OF NEW FINDINGS AND RENEWED FEARS, SHOULD THE ENTIRE ENEUETAK SITUATION BE REVIEWED? COULD WE BE UNWITINGLY LEADING AN UNSUSPECTING COMMUNITY TO NUCLEAR DOOM? FURTHER, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND THE HIGHEST DOE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE CLEAN-UP, SURVEYS, ONGOING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, ETC. BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARSHALLESE DELEGATION TO NEW YORK DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 13. ANY OTHER PERSON FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO MAY

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BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN UNDERSTANDING OF THESE PROBLEMS IS ALSO RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE TALKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THIS CONFERENCE. MARSHALL ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION SENDS."

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