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Comdr. Richardson

4. JOTI news media centers. It is our understanding that a central office or offices large enough to accommodate the JOTI plus a room in which the media can work or await developments will be provided both at Barkeley and Eniwetok. Since there will be need for space in which three or four of the JOTI would work in Honolulu while awaiting the call to the Forward area, it is suggested that such space be provided in the Hawaiian Village, if that turns out to be the place where most of the combined groups will be staying. The space need not be large and could be, if necessary, a sitting room connected to one of the sleeping rooms occupied by JOTI personnel. Preferable, however, would be a room, such as a hotel sample room, where a couple of tables could be set up for the JOTI to work in connection with inquiries from overseas (particularly the Honolulu press which will be covering the Demonstration Program Group as a local story). This space should be equipped with a couple of telephones to facilitate reaching all members of the party with necessary messages regarding the group's next moves etc. To assist in this work we would like to have a typist. Perhaps Holmes and Narver could lend us one or hire one for us for the period. At least one typewriter would be needed, as well.

5. Air transport for films etc. You mentioned the other day that there are flights from Eniwetok to Honolulu on a regular basis only every other day, that might be utilized for transport of films, radio tapes, news copy etc. Such materials arising from the news media group for the Demonstration Program will be of such perishable news value that we will be pressed to provide not less than daily Eniwetok to Honolulu service. Accordingly, we recommend that daily service be planned at this early stage in order to lessen as much as possible any problems involved in providing it.