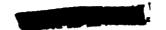
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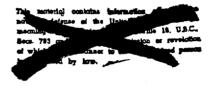
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MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS RECEIVED INITIAL REPORTS FROM RABAUL ON CREWS
OF TWO SHIPS CAUGHT IN FALLOUT NEAR TRUK ABOUT 100 MILES OUTSIDE DANGER
ZONE PD ONLY ONE SHIP CHM TAKUYO MARU CMM REPORTS HIGH RADIATION READING
AUSTRALIAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN RABAUL TODAY CHECKING BLOOD
COUNTS OF BOTH CREWS PD SKIPS HAVE REPORTED WHITE BLOOD COUNTS AS OF
JULY 18 OF TEN CREW MEMBERS ON TAKUYO MARU BETWEEN 2,000 AND 4,000
CMM ALMOST ALL THESE COUNTS FELL 30-40 PERCENT FROM JULY 15 READING
TAKEN ON SKIP PD SEVEN OTHER CREW MEMBERS ON TAKUYO MARU BETWEEN
4,000 AND 4,900 PD

AFTER CONFERENCE OF JAPANESE MARITIME AUTHORITIES WITH JAPANESE MEDICAL AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES CMM MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS BEEN ADVISED TO FLY AT MINIMUM 10 AND AT MOST 51 TOTAL CREW MEMBERS BACK TO JAPAN FOR TREATMENT PD MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS INFORMALLY REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR FLIGHTS PD MSB HAS ALSO REQUESTED ADVICE ON METHODS OF DECONTAMINATION FOR TAKUYO MARU PD THEIR EFFORTS DECONTAMINATE SHIP HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL PD

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TAKUYO MARU HAS WOOD DECK AND CANVASS AWNINGS BOTH OF WHICH CREW UNABLE TO DECONTAMINATE PD TAKUYO MARU REPORTS FOLLOWING ERRATIC SCINTILLATION COUNTER READINGS ON DECK CLN JULY 15 20,000 SHCLN JULY 18 15,000 PD

MSB MAKING EFFORT TO MINIMIZE PUBLICITY ON WHITE BLOOD COUNT FALL OF CREW MEMBERS IN ORDER NOT ALARM JAPANESE PUBLIC AND FISHERMEN NOW IN PACIFIC PD DOUBTFUL THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE BE SUCCESSFUL SINCE PAPERS THIS MORNING ALREADY CARRYING SOME REPORTS PD

EMBASSY RECOMMENDS EVERY EFFORT BE MADE ASSIST JAPAN IN THIS MATTER SMCLN SUGGEST AS INITIAL STEP MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND EXPERTS ON DECONTAMINATION BE FLOWN FROM ENIWETOK AT ONCE / REPEAT AT ONCE/ TO RABAUL TO INVESTIGATE

STATUS OF CREW MEMBERS AND SHIPS PD IF FOLLOWING THEIR REPORT AND
FURTHER REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES CHM JAPANESE STILL FEEL
DESIRABLE TO FLY SOME OF CREW BACK TO JAPAN CHM RECOMMEND WE PROVIDE
SPECIAL AIRCRAFT PD

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THIS IS MOST UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR THAT COULD NOT HAVE COME AT WORSE
TIME PD AT BEST IT COULD VERY ADVERSELY AFFECT US-JAPANESE RELATIONS
IN TERMS OF JAPANESE OPINION PD I THEREFORE FEEL STRONGLY IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO COOPERATE TO THE HILT WITH
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT / WHICH IS TRYING TO MINIMIZE HOSTILE REACTION/
BY ACCEDING TO ITS WISHES

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