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MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS RECEIVED INITIAL REPORTS FROM RABAU ON CREWS OF TWO SHIPS CAUGHT IN FALLOUT NEAR TRUK ABOUT 100 MILES OUTSIDE DANGER ZONE PD ONLY ONE SHIP CMM TAKUYO MARU CMM REPORTS HIGH RADIATION READING AUSTRALIAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN RABAU TODAY CHECKING BLOOD COUNTS OF BOTH CREWS PD SHIPS 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 SHIP 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 SMCLN 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 RABAU TO INVESTIGATE

STATUS OF CREW MEMBERS AND SHIPS PD IF FOLLOWING THEIR REPORT AND FURTHER REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES CMM JAPANESE STILL FEEL DESIRABLE TO FLY SOME OF CREW BACK TO JAPAN CMM 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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