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UNCLAS/NONWD/NARR/FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. UN MISSION RETURNED TO HONO LATE MONDAY NITE ENROUTE TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. CHAIRMAN (AMBASSADOR) MURRAY SENT WORD THROUGH TRUST TERRITORY LNO THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ME TUESDAY AM. I OF COURSE RESPONDED AND MET WITH HIM UNTIL HIS NOON PLANE DEPARTURE. HE HAD BEEN WITH GEORGE ALLEN FOR 3-4 DAYS ENROUTE KILI AND RETURN AND AT MAJURO AND HAD MANY QUESTIONS AND UNCERTAINTIES. WE DISCUSSED THE AERIAL SURVEY OF BIKINI AND THE NORTHERN ATOLLS. THE CHAIRMAN WAS UNDER SEVERAL MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT THAT SURVEY, AMONG THEM THAT THIS WAS AN ORIGINAL GEORGE ALLEN IDEA. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE RETURNING BIKINIANS. I RECOUNTED THE HISTORY OF THE ERDA INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT THE AERIAL SURVEY (PRE-ALLEN AND PRE-LAW SUIT) AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRINCIPAL SHORT-TERM PAYOFF WOULD BE NOT GREATER SAFETY FOR THE PEOPLE BUT GREATER CONFIDENCE OF

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 THE PEOPLE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE HAVE MADE AND WILL MAKE. NEXT WE TURNED TO ENEWETAK, AND SPECIFICALLY TO ENGEBI. THE CHAIRMAN WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM AND WITH THE LONG TERM US COMMITMENT THAT THIS IMPLIES. I TOLD HIM A BIT MORE ABOUT THAT EFFORT AND ITS OBJECTIVES AND TIME SCALE. MUCH MORE WAS DISCUSSED, DEALING FOR THE MOST PART WITH DETAILED GUESSTIMATES OF DOLLARS, TIME SCALES, ETC. IT WAS A MOST CORDIAL DISCUSSION AND THE CHAIRMAN MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD RECOGNIZED ALLEN'S AND HENCHI BALOS' OPPORTUNISM ON LAST WEEK'S BIKINI VISIT. HE ASKED FOR MY TELEPHONE NUMBER AND MAIL ADDRESS FOR FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS. INTERESTINGLY, AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH SUB-POINT HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE "WELL THEN, ROGER WOULD YOU SAY THAT IT WOULD BE PROPER FOR OUR REPORT TO OBSERVE THAT THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY PLANS TO DO THUS AND SO AND THE MISSION ENDORSES THAT COURSE OF ACTION?" "WOULD THAT BE HELPFUL AND WOULD IT BE SENSIBLE?" BEFORE DEPARTING, MR. MURRAY ASKED IF I EVER VISIT THE EAST COAST, AND IF SO, SHOULD I VISIT BEFORE MID MAY WOULD I COME TO NEW YORK AND READ AND COMMENT UPON A DRAFT OF THE MISSION REPORT. I SAID

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PERMIT. THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE A RARE OPPORTUNITY, BUT I HAVE LEFT
IT COMPLETELY OPEN FOR YOUR DECISION AND HQ CONCURRENCE.
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