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ENIWETOK SURVEY PHASE III STATUS REPORT NO 1

PHASE III SURVEY GROUPS ARRIVED ENIWETOK JAN 3 VIA CAPITOL FLIGHT 035. ISLAND SUPPORT SATISFACTORY BUT MARGINAL, WITH SOLAR GENERATORS PRODUCING ONLY 60 PERCENT OF PATED POWER AND DISTILLATION UNITS CONTINUING TO OPERATE UNDER SCOTCH TAPE AND BALING WIRE MAINTENANCE CONDITIONS. ISLAND POPULATION NOW 108 PLUS COAST GUARD LORAN STATION COMPLEMENT (108 INCLUDES SITE SUPPORT, AEC SURVEY, UNIV OF HAWAII/ EMBL, AND PACE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE GROUPS). POWER IS ADEQUATE, WATER IS NOT RATIONAL, AND SUFFICIENT

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HOUSING IS AVAILABLE; BUT ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS HAVE BEEN CAUTIONED TO BE FRUGAL IN THEIR USE OF RESOURCES.

ALL BOATS ARE OPERABLE. JAN 3 WAS SPENT CHECKING GEAR IN READINESS FOR RESUMPTION OF SAMPLING OPERATIONS ON JAN 4. WARMER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN GOOD BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT STEADY WINDS BETWEEN 20 AND 25 MPH WILL HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO GO ASHORE USING THE RUBBER LIFE RAFTS.

ON JAN 4 THE SOIL SAMPLING GROUP (4 THREE MAN TEAMS) COMPLETED ALL SAMPLING ON DAVID EXCEPT FOR PROFILES. PROFILES WILL BE TAKEN AS SOON AS A BACK-HOE CAN BE PUT ASHORE.

THE TERRESTRIAL BIOTA GROUP (FIVE PEOPLE) STARTED SAMPLING ON ELMER.

THE P&N ENGINEERING SUPPORT GROUP MOVED THEIR EQUIPMENT TRUCK ASHORE ON JANET (HIGH TIDE WAS AT 1600) IN PREPARATION FOR RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES ON JAN 6.

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