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From: VADM Monroe

To: Dr. Wacholz (DOE)

Bruce:

On the subj. of fallout information in the Marshalls— which we discussed this AM— the attached two documents are the only ones DNA has put out to date.

I urge DOE to move out on this for the U.S. Govt— all Depts. Besters  
Bob

2 Attachments

- 1) Memo for DepSecDef, dated  
29 May 79, SUBJ: Records  
and Reports of Pacific  
Atmospheric Nuclear Testing,  
1946-62, DIR
  
- 2) DIR ltr, dated 3 Oct 79 to  
Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Records and Reports of Pacific Atmospheric Nuclear Testing, 1946-62

1. References:

a. ASD(MRA&L) memo of 28 Jan 1978, subj: DoD Personnel Participation in Atmospheric Nuclear Weapons Testing.

b. ASD(MRA&L) memo of 1 Aug 1978, subj: Ionizing Radiation Inquiry.

c. USDRE memo of 15 Dec 1978, subj: Utah Radiation Exposure.

2. On 16 May 1979 representatives of the new government of the Marshall Islands attended an interagency meeting in Washington called by the Department of Interior (DOI). The purpose of the meeting was to permit Marshallese government representatives to raise questions regarding radiological conditions in the Marshalls with representatives of the U. S. Government (principally Interior, Energy, Defense (DNA), State, and the Micronesian Status Negotiations Team).

3. At the meeting, representatives of the new Marshallese government requested, inter alia, that they be provided all pertinent records and reports from the Pacific atmospheric testing, 1946-62, bearing on radiological contamination of the Marshalls.

4. On behalf of the Defense Department, Director, DNA accepted this responsibility as regards DoD records and reports which are or could be declassified. This action was taken in accordance with references a. and b., which establish DNA as the DoD Executive Agent for all matters pertaining to atmospheric nuclear test participation (reference a) and ionizing radiation exposures (reference b). This also parallels DNA's responsibilities under reference c. for provision of similar reports and records to the Governor of Utah as regards radiological contamination from testing at the Nevada Test Site.

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5. No difficulties are foreseen in carrying this new responsibility. Coordination will be maintained with the Department of Energy because of their predominant responsibility in this area.



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Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Director

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THIS PAPER COORDINATED WITH OSDGC  
(Cifrino); MRA&L(Clifford); NAVY(CAPT  
BUCKLEY); ISA (COL EIRICH 697-7757)  
Internal: BA, GC, PAO, ISCM, OALG  
3 October 1979

Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve  
Director of Territorial Affairs  
Department of Interior  
Room 4320  
18th & C Streets, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mrs. Van Cleve,

At the May 16 interagency meeting in Washington, D.C., which you called at the request of the Government of the Marshall Islands, Mr. Anton DeBrum, Secretary of Foreign Affairs to the Government of the Marshall Islands, requested information concerning a U.S. Navy ship which visited Likiep Atoll in March 1954, shortly after the BRAVO shot of Operation CASTLE.

As the Department of Defense representative at the meeting, I accepted the responsibility for providing him with information on this event. Because of the differing nature of the responsibilities of our respective Departments with respect to the Government of the Marshall Islands, I am providing the information to you for submission to Mr. DeBrum.

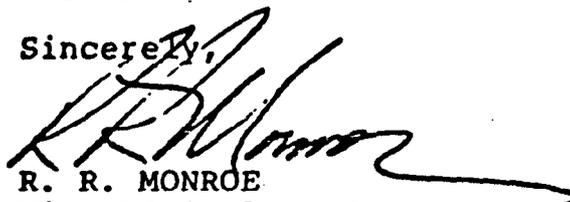
Enclosed are copies of seven letters and memoranda relating to radiological surveys, evacuations, etc., in the Marshall Islands after the BRAVO shot. They contain, as enclosures, some 13 other documents, plus attachments, with the entire packet numbering about 100 pages. Included is the record of the visit of USS RENSHAW (DDE-449) to Likiep Atoll on 6 March 1954 (a few days after the detonation).

The Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA) is still at work retrieving the more extensive data Mr. DeBrum requested-- that dealing with radiological contamination of the Marshall

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islands over the entire period of atmospheric testing, 1945-62. When that information is developed, we will also make it available to Mr. DeBrum through your office.

Sincerely,



R. R. MONROE  
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy  
Director

7 Enclosures

1. Ltr, HQ JTF Seven, 18 Mar 54, subj: Radiological Surveys of Several Marshall Island Atolls, w/3 Encls
2. Ltr, HQ JTF Seven, 9 Apr 54, subj: Reports on Evacuation of Natives and Surveys of Several Marshall Island Atolls, w/9 Encls
3. Memo for Record, HQ JTF Seven, 19 Apr 54, subj: Additional Ground and Air Radsafe Survey Data During Period BRAVO to BRAVO Plus 5 Days
4. Memo for Record, HQ JTF Seven, 1 May 54, subj: Black and White Contact Prints Relative to Surveys, Evacuation and Care of Rongelap and Utirik Natives
5. Ltr, HQ JTF Seven, 1 May 54, subj: Survey of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls, w/1 Encl
6. Ltr, CINCPACFLT, 17 Jun 54, subj: Survey of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls
7. Ltr, HQ JTF Seven, 6 Jul 54, subj: Responsibilities for Care and Disposition of Native Inhabitants of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls

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