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FROM: CJTF-7, ENIWETOK ATOLL, MI
TO : CSUSA WASH DC, CHAIRMAN AEC WASH DC
INFO: CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR TH, CJTF-7 REAR WASH DC
NR : UNNUMBERED

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This is my H plus 60 hour advisory. This message in 4 parts.

Part 1. USS Philip, DDE 498, evacuated all personnel Rongelap Island, Rongelap Atoll, 022200Z. 16 Old and sick evacuated by PEM to Kwajalein. Philip investigating other islands that Atoll and ailing Isle with TRUST Territory Representative to determine if any other personnel ashore. Decontamination of natives underway on Philip effective. All natives will be taken to Kwajalein. Compute total dosage natives Rongelap to be approximately 100 Roentgens. Am checking fully data thus far received to determine accuracy. Adequate medical facilities for examination and treatment, if required, are available at Kwajalein. Have dispatched Capt Harry Haight, USN (Medical Officer) DMA AEC to advise COMNAVSTA Kwaj. Plan to send Dr. Thomas White, last, to Rongelap, Rongerik and Utirik to investigate nature of fallout.

Part 2. Based on radiological information taken at Utirik at approximately 030245Z plan to evacuate natives on morning of 4 March (Eniwetok date). Estimate that total dosage of 13 Roentgens will have been received by time evacuation that Atoll complete.

Part 3. Film badges taken from personnel of weather detachment on

Rongerik indicate average dosage received there was 53 Roentgens. Personnel still in medical observation.

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Page 4. Believe that danger of fallout to Marshall area has now pas
However aerial surveys of area will be continued. CINCPACFLT is being kept
completely informed and is cooperating fullest. Recommend release to the
press statement contained part 5 my H plus 48 advisory.

NOTE: This msg received electrically by JTF-7 Rear.

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