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Subj: Investigation of burns on personnel of the USS BAIROKO: information concerning

1. Personnel of the USS BAIROKO who were on the flight deck when fall-out occurred on 1 March 1954, were interviewed and examined this date in the ship's sick bay and the following information was ascertained:

- Among the uncounted personnel examined ten (10) were found to give a similar story. All ten (10) of these personnel had similar skin lesions and gave essentially the same history of exposure.
- Except for one (1) case, where the lesion was on the left upper arm, the lesions were confined to the anterior (b) abdomen along the belt line. These lesions varied in size from 1 - 10mm. The smallest were hyper-pigmented macules. The larger considted of a depressed central area with some crusting, elevated border with surrounding erythema.
- Each of the above ten (10) men was working on the flight (c) deck when fall-out occurred and remained there for varying periods to secure the helicopters and to turn on the washdown. In each case there was several hours delay before going through the decontamination station. They all wore shirts.
- (d) There is a possibility that additional personnel with similar condition may be found after more thorough screening of suspects by the ship's medical officer.
- (e) There is no apparent correlation between the amount of total body radiological exposure and the occurrence of the above skin condition.
- 2. The Doctors of the USS BAIROKO are going to keep detailed medical records of the above personnel and any others found to have similar condition. They are planning to take color photographs of the lesions and will forward biopsies of a few lesions to Tripler Army Hospital for pathological examination. They will keep CJTF SEVEN and CTG 7.3 informed of any new developments.

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3. Listed below are the names of the individuals found to have the lesions mentioned above, Where available the total accumulated exposure is listed also. The short time available did not permit looking up the exposure of the others. This information will be forwarded by the USS BAIROKO in the near future.

Name	Ser. No.	Rate	Exposure
BONIN, F. J. BOYD, H. P. CHAUVIN, D.J.	109059 7 659041 988 48 01	SGT S/SGT QM2	2055MR 3560MR
CLEVELAND, H. W. HAMMER, J. P. JOHNSON, G. W.	668527 1346469 277 17 47	T/SGT CPL AN	3596MR 1840MR
KEHOE, G. R. PILLSBURY, R. L.	445 86 42 427 55 22	AN PRAN	
SHATZEL, D. J. TREAT, I. E.	235 98 45 302314	an M/sgt	1840MR

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