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SUBJECT: DOD EXCESS PROPERTY - ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND

SYMBOL: TE:RCE-460

Reference: CJTF SEVEN letter to the Honorable Herbert B. Loper,
 Assistant Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy),
 Subject: "Future Status and Utilization of Eniwetok
 Proving Ground", dated 18 December 1959. ✓

Reference statement regarding DOD excesses contained in paragraph 3
 of referenced letter. To negate misunderstanding concerning status
 of these excesses, it is believed necessary to clarify the present
 stock and supply situation at EPG.

1. While DOD accomplished a considerable excessing program prior to transfer to AEC, there still remains considerable inventory and surplus work to be done by the AEC contractor on DOD material and supplies. Acceptance of the material and supplies was agreeable to this office for reasons that such action did result in an overall savings to the Government.
2. Some items of equipment in a high cost category, which were in a condition indicating survey action, were accepted by the AEC representative in the transfer of property to eliminate delay of military phase-out. Survey action will be taken on such items as the inventory progresses and CJTF SEVEN will be requested to recommend disposal action. Survey action by the military would have required team of specialists be assigned to EPG and would have seriously delayed the orderly transfer of functions.

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