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AEC PASS TO STARBIRD. AFSWP PASS TO PARKER. FROM LUEDECKE.  
REFERENCE YOUR C-26 DTG 161836Z.

IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO SPARE AN LST FOR USE BY  
CONARD AND GROUP AT RONGELAP. THOSE AVAILABLE ARE REQUIRED  
ABSOLUTELY FULL TIME<sup>7</sup> AT JOHNSTONE<sup>7</sup> AND SHUTTLING BETWEEN.  
IN LOCKING FOR A WAY WE COULD DO THE JOBS<sup>7</sup> ONLY SOLUTION WE CAN  
FIND IS TO LOAD THE 21 TON COUNTER IN AN LCU<sup>7</sup> PLACE THE LCU  
ABOARD AN LSD<sup>7</sup> TRANSPORT IT TO RONGELAP AND LEAVE THE LCU THERE  
FOR CONARD AND PARTY TO WORK FROM. LSD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 77  
MAY ENIWETOK TIME AND MUST BE BACK IN ENIWETOK ON 18 MAY FOR  
LOADING FOR A SECOND TRIP TO JOHNSTON. THIS TIME IS CRITICAL.  
PARTY WOULD HAVE TO BE HERE AND READY TO GO ON THAT DATE. LCU  
HAS SHOWERS<sup>7</sup> AND REASONABLE LIVING FACILITIES FOR SHORT PERIOD  
CAN BE PROVIDED.

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IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A REAPPRAISAL OF THE ADVISABILITY OF  
ATTEMPTING SUCH A RESURVEY<sup>7</sup> DURING THE COURSE OF HARDTACK<sup>7</sup>  
IS INDICATED. CERTAINLY IT APPEARS INEVITABLE THAT THE  
RADIATION BACKGROUND LEVELS WILL INCREASE ON RONGELAP AND  
THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CONTAMINATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND  
EQUIPMENT INVOLVED. CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT  
WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE THE TIME OF CONARD'S ARRIVAL IN THE EPG  
AND THE SHOTS TO OCCUR DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SURVEY<sup>7</sup> PAST  
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LEVEL DEGREE SUFFICIENT TO SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE<sup>7</sup> OR EVEN NEGATE<sup>7</sup>  
THE RESULTS. UNLESS THE URGENCY IS SUCH AS TO IMPEL ACCEPTANCE  
OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH EQUIVOCAL DATA<sup>7</sup> IT IS RECOMMENDED  
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS EFFORT  
UNTIL A LATER AND MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TIME

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