

SENATOR ANDERSON. This is purely a State Department to the use
of Eniwetok, isn't it?

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DR. JOHNSON. And also, I think, the Department of Interior.

SENATOR ANDERSON. How did Interior get into it?

GENERAL BETTS. Responsibility for administration

DR. JOHNSON. Trust Territories -

SENATOR ANDERSON. I understand that -

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS. They are charged with the administration of

it.

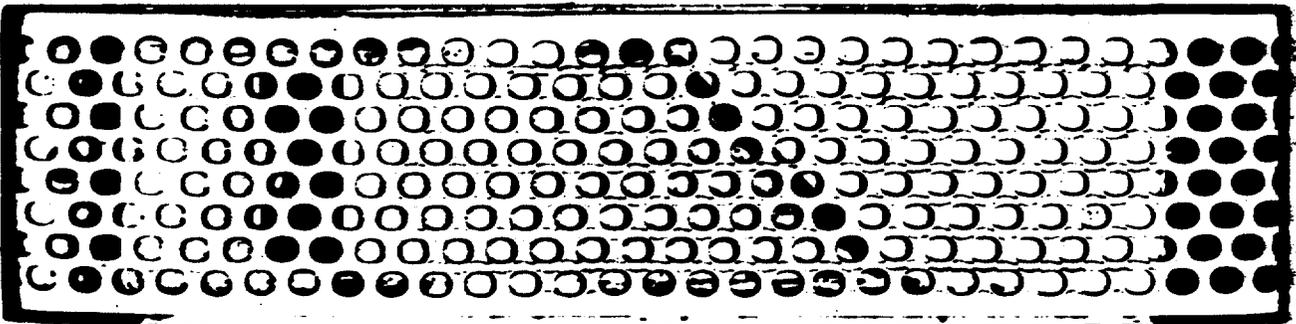
REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. These islands are unincorporated islands
and we are in charge of them. We are paying to administer them.

CHAIRMAN SEABORG. I think that is true.

GENERAL BETTS. Under the United Nations.

REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. Kwajalein -- what is the island that had
the impact area -- Perry -- the atoll out there with the impact area?

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GENERAL LUNDBECK. That is Eniwetok.

REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. That is part of the --

GENERAL BETTS. Trust Territory.

REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. Trustee Islands and we can't use them because the United Nations' might criticize. Is that the basis of the objection in plain words.

CHAIRMAN SEABORG. Eniwetok?

REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. Yes.

CHAIRMAN SEABORG. There are those objections and also there are many people there. This presents a problem. We would be accused probably of testing in the presence of people besides our own for our convenience and -

REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. Where did we test?

SENATOR ANDERSON. I hope we come in here and ask, "Did we ever test there?" Didn't we test out there?

CHAIRMAN SEABORG. Yes, we did.

SENATOR ANDERSON. Then we were testing without worrying about all this fall-out pattern. It wasn't until the _____ got into it that we worried about fall-out. There were people right there all that time -- on the island. Did anybody on the island turn in any claims for damages?

CHAIRMAN HOLIFIELD. Oh, yes.

REPRESENTATIVE ASPINALL. Sure they did.

CHAIRMAN HOLIFIELD. Many of the people on Bikini were contaminated.

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SENATOR ANDERSON. Is that the island where the shot took place?

Let's be sure.

GENERAL LUEDECKE. May I straighten it out, sir? The fall-out from the BRAVO event did not fall on Bikini natives or Eniwetok natives but on a couple of adjacent islands.

CHAIRMAN HOLIFIELD. I don't think that is quite true either, General. I am saying that you are misstating the fact. The natives were moved from the Bikini island and then they had to be subsequently moved because they were contaminated.

GENERAL LUEDECKE. I was speaking of one event, the BRAVO event.

CHAIRMAN HOLIFIELD. I was speaking about the effect upon people. They were brought from Bikini to Rongelap along with some of our own people on the islands and the people of the Trust Islands have protested very strongly to the U.N. the further use of these areas. We hold it not as a national possession but under the mandate of the United Nations and are, therefore, responsible to the U.N. for our actions in these mandated islands. We might as well have the record state this.

~~REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. May I ask a question now about Johnston and Christmas Islands. I don't have a map here where I can study it. Isn't it true that Wallis Island and other islands are in this area?~~

~~CHAIRMAN SEABORG. We can put a map up.~~

~~REPRESENTATIVE VAN ZANDT. Are there people living on these islands?~~

~~CHAIRMAN SEABORG. We have gone over that with a fine toothcomb. We can give you a report.~~