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UE INCLUDED AGAIN IN THE DECEMBER VISIT FOR THIS

REASON ALSO WE CONCUR WITH DR. CONARD THAT DECEMBER VISIT

SHOULD NOT BE POSTPONED. PRELIM. INVESTIGATION FROM

KWAJALEIN INDICATES THAT DISTAD MARSHALLS DOES NOT HAVE

CAPABI ITY OF PROVIDING LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM EXISTING

FIELD TRIP VESSELS. ONLY AIR TRANSPORT WOULD BE CHARTER

OF THE SMALL SEAPLANE AT MAJURO BHICH-COULD NOT CARRY

ENOUGH STAFF OR EQUIPMENT. SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO POSSIGILITY OF CHARTERING THE NEW FIELD TRIP SHIP THE MICRO CHIEF, WHICH ME UNDERSTAND IS ENROUTE TO MARSHALLS FOR ASSIGNMENT THERE. REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE THREE TO FOUR DAYS AT RONGELAP AND THREE TO FOUR DAYS AT UTERIK PLUS TRAVEL TIME.

OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF AND MAJURO SUPPORT STAFF MIGHT MELL UTILIZE THE SAME TRIP TO MAKE PRELIMINARY VISITS TO RONGETAP AND UTERIK WITH RESPECT TO THE RONGELAP AND UTERIX COMPENSATION PAYMENTS. HOWEVER, IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS WHETHER THE NEW SHIP WOULD BE A VAILABLE FOR CHARTER IN DECEMBER OR AT VERY LATEST FIRST PART OF JANUARY FOR MEDICAL VISITS. IMMEDIATE ANSWER IS NEEDED SINCE PLANNING MUST START AT ONCE IF THE DECEMBER VISITS ARE TO BE MAINTAINED. APPRECIATE RESPONSE BY EARLIEST DISPATCH. DIRECTOR, OTA SENDS. VANCE

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WEDICAL PERSONNEL.

HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY DR. R. CONARD THAT LCU USED BY DOE (ERDA) BROOKHAVEN MEDICAL TEAM HAS HAD SOME RECENT DAMAGE WICH NECESITATES IMMEDIATE DRYDOCKING AND IT WILL NOT BE AVAIMABLE FOR SOME TIME. THIS PRECLUDES ITS USE FOR THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEDICAL INSPECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF . RONGELAP AND UTERI K. HIGHEST PRIORITY IS PLACED ON MAIN-TAINING REGULAR SCHEDULE OF THESE QUARTERLY VISITS AS YOU • MOW TIE PEOPLE OF UTERIK WERE NOT EXAMINED DURING THE (JUNE OR SEPTEMBER VISITS SINCE THEY HAD OBJECTED TO CERTAIN

THE UTERIK PEOPLE IN SEPTEMBER