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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION, REVIEW, AND SET-ASIDE OF DEPARTMENTAL
ARCHIVAL RECORDS PERTINENT TO THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IN
PARALLEL WITH ONGOING SEARCH FOR HUMAN SUBJECT RECORDS

Congressional interest in the departmental openness initiative has produced the need for a separate expedited records identification for documents pertinent to the impact of atmospheric nuclear weapons testing on the lands and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). This needs to be conducted in parallel with the ongoing top priority search for records directly related to human experimentation.

To ensure that members of Congress and RMI elected officials receive requested documents in a very short timeframe, any Marshall Islands records identified in the course of human experimentation reviews should be noted and set-aside. A parallel team will be working to expedite their transfer to a central location to permit declassification and to make copies for presentation to Congress and RMI.

All Department of Energy operations offices, field offices, laboratories, and contractor sites, who are in the process of identifying documents under the human experimentation departmental scan, should also identify and set-aside any Marshall Islands documents or records. Please notify the Office of Health (EH-40) of the pertinent documents, the record block and location, and the telephone and facsimile number of the pertinent point of contact. Upon notification, EH-40 will send personnel to your site to review the Marshall Islands records. We will request your assistance to expedite the transfer of pertinent documents to Headquarters for processing and distribution to Congress and RMI officials.

I appreciate your assistance in this important initiative. The EH-40 point of contact is Mr. R. Thomas Bell, who can be reached on 301-903-3889.

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Advisory Committee Role

Marshall understands wants it included
in Adv Com Scope.

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