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The following are comments on the # points contained in the draft statement presented at the 29 April plenary session by Roger Ray per TWX from PASO received Washington 30 April 1982.

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- The United States conducts programs of radiological monitoring and medical followup and treatment in the Marshall Islands. The purpose of the medical program is to "provide ... medical care and treatment for any person, $\$ residing on Rongelap or Utirik Atolls on March 1, 1954 who has a continuing need for the care and treatment of any radiation injury or illness directly related to the thermonuclear detonation (of March 1, 1954)." The U.S. also has agreed to provide for "medical monitoring" of those Bikinians removed from Bikini Island in August 1978 (agreement signed August 16, 1978, among DOE, TTPI, and Bikini people). The radiological monitoring program is to develop information in order to assess the radiological status of the atolls.
- The justification for the above mentioned programs is a humanitarian effort to provide medical treatment for those persons on Rongelap and Utirik having direct radiation injury and illness by the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program, so that the United States can inform the High Commissioner and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands authorities with regard to medical followup (agreement signed February 7, 1977, by Oscar DeBrum and Deputy Director, Division of Biology and Medicine, Dr. William W. Burr, Jr.) and the radiological status of the atolls. The medical followup program, existant since the 1950's, was codified into law in P.L. 95-134 with respect to the March 1, 1954, residents of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls, as quoted above.

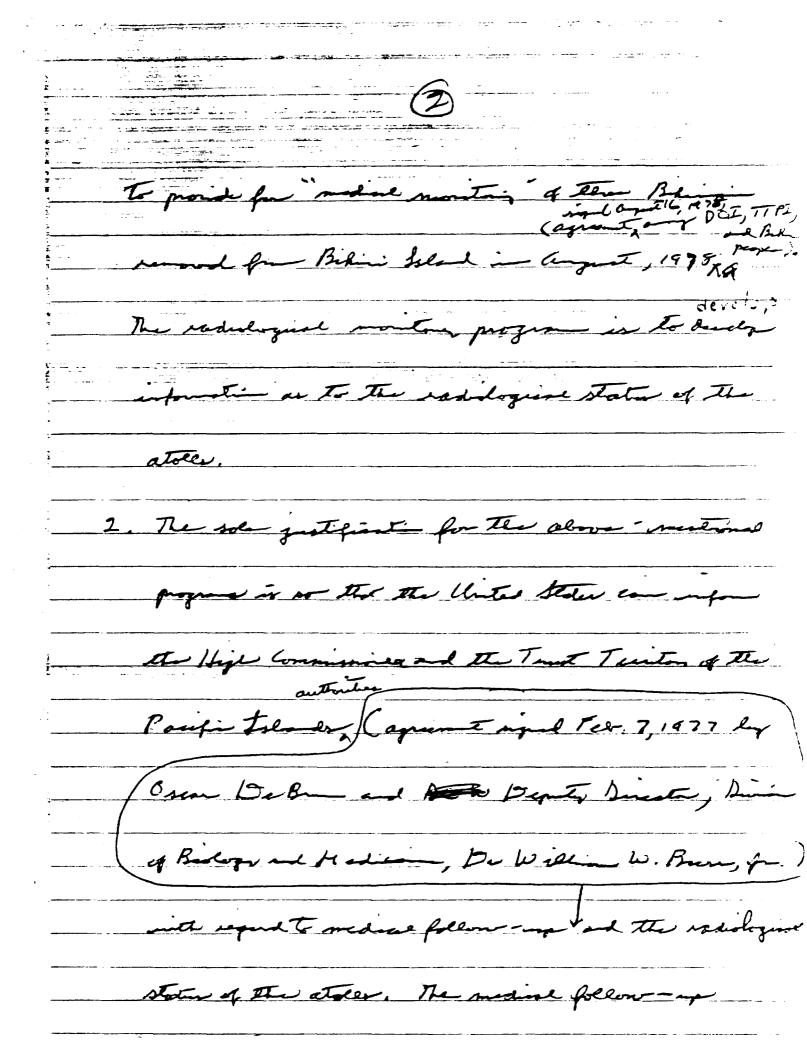
None of these programs was initiated for or is continued because of any self-interest on the part of the United States Government.

Without the justifications given, the United States would terminate all such programs.

The reference to the Mid-Pacific Marine Laboratory is one for which responsibility must be assumed by the U.S. delegation. There are no funds identified by EP or ER to support this laboratory in fiscal year 1983; do not concur in this point, and have no interest in a program requiring the use of this laboratory. Continued operation of this laboratory should not be offerred as a condition of approval of the Compact.

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