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THE FOLLOWING STATE DEPARTMENT MESSAGES ARE FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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TELEGRAM 2279, MARCH 23, 8 P.M./ FROM ALLISON: "EISENBUD ARRIVED LAST NIGHT.

BRIEFED AT EMBASSY TODAY, CONSULTED WITH WORTON AND ABCC ASSOCIATES AND

WITH REPRESENTATIVES US FISH INDUSTRY. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED, ENTRANCE

COURTESIES EXTENDED, BUT UNABLE ARRANGE MEETING WITH INTERESTED OFFICIAL AGENCIES

UNTIL TOMORROW.

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"A. MORTON AND ABCC PHYSICIANS HAVE ONLY LIMITED ACCESS TO THE TWO PATIENTS AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO MAKE INDEPENDENT IPOMJ (AS RECEIVED; CORRECTION TO FOLLOW) COUNTS, URINALYSIS, ET CETERA OR TO TAKE FULL CASE HISTORIES.

"B. THE 21 PATIENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MOVED FROM YAIZU. EXCUSE IS SOME ARE RELUCTANT TO GO TO TOKYO. ~~██████████~~ INFORM US PRIVATELY

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REAL DIFFICULTY IS WITH HOSPITAL OFFICIALS. YAIZU AUTHORITIES WANT TO RETAIN PATIENTS; TOKYO DOCTORS AND BUREAUCRATS CANNOT AGREE WHETHER TOKYO UNIVERSITY OR NATIONAL HEALTH INSTITUTE SHOULD HAVE CUSTODY.

"C. FUKURYU MARU STILL HELD AT YAIZU. [REDACTED] JAPANESE DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS PRESSURING GOVERNMENT NOT TO RELEASE VESSEL SO THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE INDEFINITELY STUDY OF ITS RADIOACTIVITY AND HAVE OPPORTUNITY PUBLISH NECESSARY SCIENTIFIC PAPERS 'SO WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW HOW TO TREAT SUCH CASE.'

"D. EMOTIONAL PRESS STORIES CONTINUE ALLEGING US WISHES OBTAIN SHIP 'TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE,' AND US INTERESTED IN PATIENTS ONLY AS GUINEA PIGS (NOTE: 21 PATIENTS LEFT IN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AT YAIZU AND DENIED US AID WHILE JAPANESE DOCTORS ARGUE OVER PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS TO FUTURE MONOGRAPHS). PRESS LYING IN SENSATIONALISM WITH REPORTS OF RADIOACTIVE ILLNESS THROUGHOUT NATION, NEW CARGOES OF RADIOACTIVE FISH OR BOATS ARRIVING FROM PACIFIC, CONTAMINATION OF OCEAN CURRENTS, ET CETERA, LEAD FOR MUCH OF THIS GIVEN BY NORMALLY REPUTABLE JAPANESE SCIENTISTS, DOCTOR TSUZUKI OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY, FOR INSTANCE, PREDICTED TO DIET YESTERDAY TWO PATIENTS WOULD DIE, CALLED JAPAN VICTIMIZED COUNTRY, US IRRESPONSIBLE, AND SAID NO NEED EXISTS FOR US INTERFERENCE OR ASSISTANCE.

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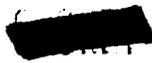
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"5. MY RECOMMENDATIONS RE COMPENSATION STILL STAND. WE CONTINUE REGARD THEM JUSTIFIED BY ALL WE KNOW OF MERITS OF CASE AND ON PUBLIC RELATIONS GROUPS

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"6. PLEASE PASS THIS TELEGRAM AND ALL OTHERS THIS SERIES TO BUGHER AEC."

REFERENCE TELEGRAM 2106 REFERRED TO BELOW INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN WAS SENT TO YOU MARCH 23 AND CONTAINS THE SUGGESTED PUBLIC RELEASE FOR EITHER AMBASSADOR OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO MAKE.

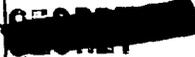
TELEGRAM 2290, MARCH 24, 6 P.M. CONFIDENTIAL FROM ALLISON: "RE DEPARTMENT'S TELEGRAMS 2106 AND 2107. STATEMENTS QUOTED PARAGRAPH 2, DEPARTMENT'S TELEGRAM 2106 HANDED TO VICE MINISTER OKUMURA THIS AFTERNOON. HE PREFERRED EMBASSY RELEASE WHICH BEING DONE AT 7 P.M. UNDER FOLLOWING LEAD SENTENCE: 'THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WERE THIS AFTERNOON HANDED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE BY AMBASSADOR ALLISON.' Department of Energy
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TELEGRAM 2293, MARCH 24, 8 P.M. SECRET FROM ALLISON: "RE EMBASSY'S TELEGRAM 2289 and 2294. DURING MEETING WITH OKUMURA THIS AFTERNOON (OKAZAKI WAS AT

DIET), I POINTED OUT WITH GREAT CARE CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 5

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EMBASSY'S TELEGRAM 2279

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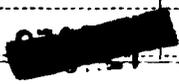
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TELEGRAM 2294, MARCH 24, 8 P.M. SECRET FROM ALLISON: *RE EMBASSY TELEGRAM 2289, MARCH 24, AND 2293, MARCH 24. 1. CONCURRENTLY WITH MY COMMUNICATIONS TO OKUMURA, SERIES WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS HELD AT FOREIGN OFFICE THROUGHOUT DAY. [REDACTED]

*2. MORNING MEETING DISCUSSED CARE AND TREATMENT FUKURYU MARU (FM) PATIENTS. ATTENDED ON JAPANESE SIDE BY 12 REPRESENTATIVES MINISTRIES FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WELL EDUCATION, NATIONAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE AND TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ON US SIDE, EMBASSY, EISENBUD FOR AEC, MORTON FOR ABCC, COLONELS McWINCH AND MAR... FOR FEC, HANNA FOR USIS. JAPANESE REQUESTED FULLEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION RE CONSTITUENTS EXPLOSION, SEEMED FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH EISENBUD'S GENERAL STATEMENT PROBABLY WILL MOVE YAIZU PATIENTS TO TOKYO MARCH 26 'WHEN THEIR ARRANGEMENTS COORDINATED'. PROMISED ASH SAMPLE FROM FM AND 24-HOUR URINE OUTPUTS ALL PATIENTS. JAPANESE SIDE VISIBLY IMPRESSED EISENBUD'S COMPETENCE AND PRESENTATIONS.

JAPANESE HAVE FORMED ATOMIC BOMB INJURY INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE UNDER KOBAYASHI OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSTITUTE TO COORDINATE INVESTIGATIONS AND LIAISON THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE.

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*3. AFTERNOON MEETING DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND FISH EXPORT SAFEGUARDS. JAPANESE SIDE HAD 28 REPRESENTATIVES FROM SAME AGENCY PLUS MITI AND TOKYO METRO GOVERNMENT. US SIDE SAME PLUS EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICE. EISENBUD ANSWERED QUESTIONS RE RADIATION DOSAGES AND AIR, OCEAN AND ATMOSPHERIC CONTAMINATION. MEETING DISCUSSED EXPORT CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.

LOAN OF GEIGER COUNTERS TO JAPANESE AND TECHNICIAN TRAINING. CURRENT JAPANESE EXAMINATION CRITERIA APPEAR ADEQUATE BUT NO COMMITMENT GIVEN PENDING REFERENCE

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TO US FOOD AND DRUG AUTHORITIES SENT SEPARATELY BY EISENBUD.

"4. BRIEF JOINT PRESS RELEASES ISSUED AFTER EACH MEETING AT JAPANESE REQUEST IN NAME 'US-JAPAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE'. TEXTS CABLED USING TELEGRAM.

"5. ATMOSPHERE AFTERNOON MEETING CONSIDERABLY MORE RELAXED AND CORDIAL. MEETING OPENED WITH PRESENTATION BY KOBAYASHI TO EISENBUD OF ASH SAMPLE REQUESTED IN MORNING. ATTRIBUTE MUCH OF IUNI (AS RECEIVED. WILL BE SERVICED UPON REQUEST) AT THIS LEVEL TO EXCELLENT IMPRESSION MADE BY EISENBUD. JAPANESE SCIENTIFIC EXPERTNESS OBVIOUSLY YEARS IN ARREARS. BELIEVE CHANCES OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION EXCELLENT - IF EISENBUD CAN HAVE AUTHORITY TO PRESENT NON-CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO JAPANESE. RECOMMEND HIS PRINCIPALS GIVE HIM DISCRETION TO ISSUE WHATEVER STATEMENTS HE FEELS NECESSARY AFTER CLEARANCE FROM AMBASSADOR. WE BELIEVE POLITICAL EFFECT SUCH COMMUNICATIONS POTENTIALLY HIGHEST IMPORTANCE." COMMISSION HAS AUTHORIZED EISENBUD TO DISCLOSE NON-CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO JAPANESE.

MESSAGE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT TO EMBASSY TOKYO 2107 CONFIDENTIAL: "YOUR 2279.

1. NOTIFY DEPARTMENT TEXT AND TIME RELEASE YOUR OR OKAZAKI'S STATEMENTS RE EFFECTS RADIATION ON FISH AND OCEAN CURRENTS MADE ACCORDANCE INFORMATION CONTAINED SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

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"2. REQUEST ESTIMATES MONTHLY AMOUNT FUNDS NECESSARY IMPLEMENT GUARANTEES JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN. ALSO LATEST INFORMATION THEIR HEALTH, PROSPECTS RECOVERY AND DEGREE PERMANENT INJURIES IF ANY. WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR COMPENSATION INCLUDING FOR INJURIES, BOAT, LESS CATCH?

"3. BASIS TOKYO INVESTIGATIONS IS ANY REASON DOUBT VESSEL WAS OUTSIDE DANGER ZONE? WHILE FINAL CONFIRMATION THIS POINT NOT YET RECEIVED FROM PACIFIC FRANK

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"4. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING SENDING JAPANESE GOVERNMENT NOTE RECENT PERSONAL SUFFERING CAUSED FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY RECENT TEST. REQUEST EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS RE TIMING AND NATURE. BELIEVED PREFERABLE AWAIT RESULTS INVESTIGATIONS JAPAN AND PACIFIC IF NOT TOO LONG DELAYED IN ORDER TIE IN WITH AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 19 STATEMENT.

"5. RECENT NEWS REPORTS REFERS KYOTO UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS RADIOACTIVE ASH FELL ON JAPAN. SHOULD EMBASSY FEEL NEED COMMENT REPORTS THIS NATURE SUGGEST UTILIZING EISENBUD'S SERVICES.

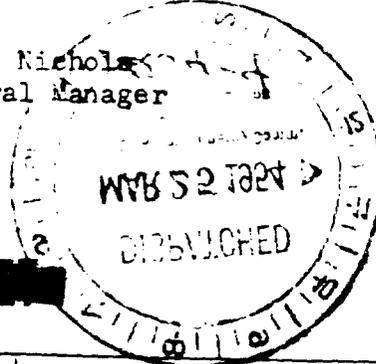
"6. AEC STAFF FEELS TECHNICAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS RE CONTROL FUKUYU MARU DESCRIBED DEPARTMENT'S 2048 NO LONGER OBTAIN. LEFT EMBASSY DISCRETION WHETHER CARRY OUT ACTION PROPOSED EMBASSY'S 2279 PARAGRAPH 4." END REF. NDO

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