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MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS RECEIVED INITIAL REPORTS FROM RABAU ON CREWS OF TWO SHIPS CAUGHT IN FALLOUT NEAR TRUK ABOUT 100 MILES OUTSIDE DANGER ZONE PD ONLY ONE SHIP CMM TAKUYO MARU CMM REPORTS HIGH RADIATION READING AUSTRALIAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN RABAU TODAY CHECKING BLOOD COUNTS OF BOTH CREWS PD SHIPS HAVE REPORTED WHITE BLOOD COUNTS AS OF JULY 18 OF TEN CREW MEMBERS ON TAKUYO MARU BETWEEN 2,000 AND 4,000 CMM ALMOST ALL THESE COUNTS FELL 30-40 PERCENT FROM JULY 15 READING TAKEN ON SHIP PD SEVEN OTHER CREW MEMBERS ON TAKUYO MARU BETWEEN 4,000 AND 4,900 PD

AFTER CONFERENCE OF JAPANESE MARITIME AUTHORITIES WITH JAPANESE MEDICAL AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES CMM MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS BEEN ADVISED TO FLY AT MINIMUM 10 AND AT MOST 51 TOTAL CREW MEMBERS BACK TO JAPAN FOR TREATMENT PD MARITIME SAFETY BOARD HAS INFORMALLY REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR FLIGHTS PD MSB HAS ALSO REQUESTED ADVICE ON METHODS OF DECONTAMINATION FOR TAKUYO MARU PD THEIR EFFORTS DECONTAMINATE SHIP HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL PD

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