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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN McCONE

SUBJECT: MEDICAL SURVEY OF RONGELAPSE

Dr. Dunham and Dwight Ink have discussed with Department of Interior officials the rumor of AEC planning another full-scale medical survey of the Rongelapse this coming year.

The basis for the Secretary's TWX from Pago Pago was a conversation between him, Mr. A. T. Lausi, Director of Office of Trust Territories, and persons at Kwajalein, which gave Interior the erroneous impression that another full-scale survey was about to be made. Unfortunately, HICOM Nucher, Trust Territories, who was fully cognizant of our actual planning in this area, had already left the party at Guam.

Upon returning from the Rongelaps, Mr. Lausi learned that AEC had no plans for such a survey and so advised Mr. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior. He further advised that the understandings reached between HICOM Nucher and Dr. Dunham were appropriate, and would include the present visit by Dr. Conrad alone to confer with Trust Territory medical and staff people.

Secretary Beaton saw you before Mr. Lausi had advised him that the situation was satisfactory. Mr. Ink has since been assured by both Mr. Lausi and Secretary Beaton's Assistant that the Secretary has now been fully advised, and that he is satisfied with the existing arrangements.

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Attachment:
Cy of TWX from Pago Pago

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