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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT ENTITLED "MEDICAL SURVEY OF RONGELAP PEOPLE FIVE AND SIX YEARS AFTER EXPOSURE TO FALLOUT"

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Attached is a summary of the report entitled "Medical Survey of Rongelap People Five and Six Years after Exposure to Fallout" and a copy of the original report.

It was suggested that the Commissioners and members of the Joint Committee might find this report and summary of interest. Accordingly, a memorandum to the Commissioners and a letter to the Joint Committee are attached with copies of the report and summary if it is determined that they should be forwarded.

In brief, the Marshallese are not showing clinical signs and symptoms or abnormalities clearly attributable to their 1954 exposure. They continue to show, however, low body burdens of Sr⁹⁰, Cs¹³⁷ and Zn⁶⁵, all of which we believe to originate from the contamination in their current food supplies; the Zn⁶⁵ is believed to come from the seafood caught locally.

Attachments:
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