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LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF AEC BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE PACIFIC AREA

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This memorandum concerns the administration of the Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory and the logistical support needs for the ecological and the medical surveys at Rongelap. This support is now being administered by the San Francisco Operations Office.

As a follow-up to your memorandum to me dated June 29, 1964, and as a result of discussions held on September 15, 1964, at Las Vegas among representatives of the San Francisco Operations Office, Nevada Operations Office, and Division of Biology and Medicine, I concur in your opinion that logistical support for these programs can most effectively be administered through the Nevada Operations Office, taking into account both the needs of the DBM program and the responsibilities of the respective operations offices. It is my understanding that the Nevada Operations Office is willing to administer this support through the Honolulu Area Office.

We would appreciate it if your office could delineate in detail, the contracts and the administrative procedures required in the handling of these programs. This should include the identity of the personnel through whom you accomplish the support given DBM contractors at Rongelap atoll and the Eniwetok area. It is proposed to forward this information to the Nevada Operations Office asking them to assume responsibility for administration of the needed support.

It seems to us the most appropriate effective date for transfer of this administration would be July 1, 1965. We understand the Air Force will assume control of the Eniwetok-Bikini Islands around March 1, 1965, and we would hope the interim period between March 1 and June 30, 1965, could be used for the necessary liaison with appropriate Nevada Operations Office personnel in effecting an orderly transfer of these functions to that office. While these programs are small in terms of costs, we are aware that a considerable amount of administration is required.

We wish to express our appreciation for the very effective manner in which your staff has administered these programs; the proposed transfer is based solely on appropriateness of AEC administration, reflecting assigned responsibilities in the Pacific area. We would welcome any comments you may have regarding this proposed transfer.

cc: James E. Reeves, Manager, IV00 ✓

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