

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT EPG ON APRIL 3, 1957

A meeting was held in the Holmes and Narver Conference Room on April 3, 1957 to discuss air support required from Kwajalein Naval Station in connection with preliminary engineering reconnaissance visits to weather and rad-safe stations, when landing fields are not available.

Those attending the meeting follows:

Capt. W. C. Short Jr. USN	CO Nav. Sta. Kwajalein
Lt. Comdr. N. A. Mark USN	Proj. Officer Nav. Sta. Kwajalein
Lt. Comdr. R. G. Lowrie USN	Air Opns. Officer Nav. Sta. Kwajalein
Lt. Col. Cox USAF	CO 4951st Support Group (Nuclear)
Lt. Col. Murch USA	CTG 7.2
Charles Dunlap CIV	Resident Engr. Holmes & Narver, Inc.
Ray C. Emens CIV	AEC Acting Branch Chief, EPG
E. A. Butts CIV	AEC Administrative Officer

Mr. Emens presented for discussion a proposed schedule (copy attached) for visiting the islands where it is known that new weather stations and/or rad-safe stations are to be constructed or existing stations are to be reactivated prior to next operation.

In connection with this schedule, Capt. Short inquired if it was possible to stop at Kusaie enroute to Bongpa. Mr. Dunlap advised that a station exists at Kusaie and only 2 or 3 hours lay-over would be required to accomplish the survey at that location. Decision was left up to Capt. Short since landing and take-off at Kusaie will depend upon load of craft and weather and tide conditions.

Mr. Dunlap indicated approximately 3 hours would be required at Kapingamarange and one day or better at Ponape.

Considerable discussion ensued concerning availability of sea planes in view of proposed flights to Uterik and Wotho. Capt. Short felt that flights could be made if we could afford one or two day slippage in the schedule.

Capt. Short explained conditions at his Station by stating that he had recently undergone a drastic reduction in personnel and funds. He has also received instructions to perform only essential flying. Therefore at the present time he will be able to accomplish the immediate missions scheduled only if he receives additional or supplementary funds to carry on his normal operations. It is currently planned that Capt. Short will advise his superiors of his requirements in an effort to obtain funds from JTF SEVEN for their missions. We have promised to assist him in obtaining these funds, in any manner that we can.

Possible support required from Navy during repatriation of Rongelap, preliminary engineering reconnaissance of weather and rad-safe and also during construction and operation of these proposed stations was discussed to support Capt. Short's request for funds. The following figures appear

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to be the best that can be foreseen at this time.

April 8 thru June 30 -- Maximum of three (3) trips  
to each station not having a landing field.  
Immediate trips are included in this figure.

July thru September -- None

October thru December -- Two (2) trips weekly during the quarter in  
which construction is scheduled.

January '58 thru March - Two (2) trips weekly during the quarter in  
which construction is scheduled.

Rongelap Support -- One and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) trips per week.

Probably support of Naval Station Kwajalein during the next operation was  
discussed based on information currently available to CTG 7.2, CO 4951st  
Support Group, AEC and Holmes and Narver, EPG.

Meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours with Capt. Short and Cmdr. Lowrie  
promising to check their capabilities for aircraft and compulsory missions  
and to advise this office exactly when our scheduled flights will be made.

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Enclosures:

- 1 cy of support schedule
- 1 cy of map of weather & rad-safe stations

Copies furnished to:

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