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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Elmer B. Staats  
Executive Officer  
Operations Coordinating Board

SUBJECT: TWO REPORTS RECENTLY ISSUED ON THE MEDICAL EFFECTS  
OF RADIATION ON THE MARSHALLESE CITIZENS EXPOSED  
IN EARLY MARCH 1954 TO FALLOUT FROM UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

You will recall our reports to the Operations Coordinating Board on the issuance of the medical findings resulting from the treatment of Marshallese citizens exposed to radiation from a United States weapons test in early March 1954.

Two publications covering these medical data are being issued this week. Six copies of each are enclosed for such distribution as you may wish to make to the Operations Coordinating Board as a matter of information. The first volume, a monograph entitled "Some Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Human Beings," covers the course of the ailments suffered by those exposed during the first year after their exposure. The second, and smaller report, "Medical Survey of Marshallese Two Years After Exposure to Fallout Radiation," brings the medical data down to the present, covering the medical history of the exposed individuals up to March, 1956.

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