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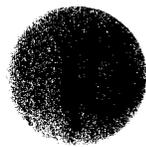
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Outline Check List of U.S. Government Actions to  
Offset Unfavorable Japanese Attitudes to the  
H-Bomb and Related Developments

1. Information Actions

- a. Release story on the presence of background radiation effects and industrial tolerance levels of safety to offset Japanese claims of "dangerous radioactivity".
- b. Disclose data on range of effects of weapons, particularly radiation fall-out in terms that will debunk the impression that the 450-mile warning zone is a total danger zone.
- c. Release factual data and photographs on exposure and recovery of natives and U.S. personnel in Marshall Islands.
- d. Outline the factors which lead to the choice of Pacific test area; relate this to the test area sites used by other nations.
- e. Outline precautionary evacuation plans which illustrate U.S. humanitarian concern.

ACTION: MEC

- f. Explore the desirability of a joint U.S.-Japanese permanent large-scale peaceful atom exhibit for Japan.
- g. By booklet and motion picture undertake a continuing intensive campaign to eradicate misconceptions concerning

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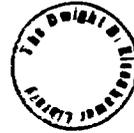
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effects of nuclear weapons.



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2. Scientific Actions

- a. Participate in Japanese oceanographic survey of general test areas.
- b. Invite Japanese scientists to participate in U.S. oceanographic survey of area.
- c. Permit Japanese access to Marshall Island radiation patients and relevant clinical data obtained therefrom. Use this as a basis for reciprocal medical access to patients in Japan.
- d. Undertake non-governmental discussions with Japanese scientists and industrialists to explore possibilities of peaceful application of atomic energy in Japan.
- e. Consider supporting role of such private organizations as Atomic Industrial Forum in this effort.
- f. Seek to attribute continued illness of Japanese patients to chemical effects of coral dusting rather than radioactivity per se.

3. Political Actions

- a. Consider statement by high-level U.S. source conveying sympathetic understanding to the Japanese people, while at the same time explaining the actual facts of radiation hazards.
- b. Remind Japanese Government of Soviet refusal of fishing rights and contrast to manner in which the Japanese are permitted to fish in areas adjacent to the Marshall Islands.

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4. Miscellaneous Actions

- a. Develop a contingency plan in the event of the death of any of the radiation-affected Japanese fishermen, to include arrangements with Japanese Government for joint U.S.-Japanese autopsies and joint announcement on causes of death.
- b. Encourage Japanese Government to request U.S. assistance in public information programs designed to educate Japanese people with respect to individual and community measures against nuclear weapon attacks.
- c. Expose the lack of Soviet humanitarian interests in the Japanese people who are enduring Soviet-initiated radioactivity. Point out that this is occurring without any Soviet apologies or explanations; that in contrast to the United States the Soviets are neglecting the education of their own people with respect to atomic weapons developments.
- d. Encourage the Japanese belief that the United States will give advance announcement and briefing concerning future tests to all Asian peoples.

5. Administrative Action

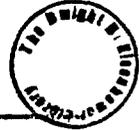
- a. Establish an ad hoc OCB group to monitor the problem of Japanese attitudes to H-Bomb developments and to stimulate appropriate actions by the U.S. Government.

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