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To: Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN

Enclosure E

Subj: Disposition of exposed Americans; recommendation for 407570

Encl: (1) List of exposed personnel with estimated doses

1. At the request of COL Clinton S. Maupin MC USA, Staff Surgeon JTF-7, the following recommendations have been formulated by the professional staff of Project 4.1.

2. It is our opinion that the Army and Air Force personnel and the Navy LCM crew now being studied by Project 4.1 should not be exposed to any radiation other than essential diagnostic and therapeutic X-ray for a period of at least six years.

3. The selection of a six year time interval was based on the following considerations:

- a. Medico-legal implications.
- b. A 3-6 year recovery period, predicted upon existing tolerance levels.
- c. The unknown effect of additivity of whole body beta and gamma radiation in man.

4. The subject personnel will be available for transfer on 15 April if no medical complications develop in the interim.

5. Upon release from Kwajalein it is recommended for medical and legal reasons that these personnel be transferred to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center for the following studies:

- a. Complete metabolic workup.
- b. Dermatologic consultation.
- c. Sperm studies.
- d. Thyroid function and survey for radioiodine.
- e. Complete ophthalmologic evaluation.
- f. Parallel fission product excretion studies at USNRDL, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and New York Operations Office of AEC.
- g. Psychiatric evaluation.

6. It is considered that the above studies represent the minimum requirements necessary for the welfare of these individuals and the protection of the government against future unjustified claims.

7. Upon completion of medical studies and investigation and contingent upon the development of unforeseen complications it is recommended that these men be returned to full duty.

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