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4. It is appreciated that the above recommendations virtually prohibits the return of this group to their home atoll. However, it is probable that returning these people, who have already received excessively large exposure, would subject them to radiation levels above the United States AEC peace time maximum permissible doses for both external and internal radiation. This is particularly true since the northern islands of the atoll which are used as farm islands and a source of food supply for the Rongelap people received up to ten times the fall-out that occurred on Rongelap. These people may live for a month or so per year on the northern islands.

5. Since the acute phase is now passed and subsequent studies will be on a lifetime basis it is recommended that Project 4.1 personnel be returned to the states in orderly fashion that is being submitted separately and that the continued study be turned over to the responsible agency that may be designated.

6. The foregoing has been considered by Project 4.1 and all concur.

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