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| DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW | |
| SINGLE REVIEW AUTHORIZED BY: <i>Russell 3/21/94</i> | DETERMINATION (OR CITE KJ/ABER/SH) |
| REVIEWER (DDOY) <i>W. Schmidt</i> | 1. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED |
| NAME: <i>W. Schmidt</i> | 2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO: |
| DATE: <i>7/1/94</i> | CONTAINS NO DOE CLASSIFIED INFO |
| | 3. DECLASSIFY WITH: |
| | CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED |
| | & CLASSIFIED INFO BRACKETED <i>DO5 memo 2404251, 2/23/94</i> |

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Department's 2472. Food Drug Administration during spot

check TELEMACHUS cargo found one ninety-pound yellowfin tuna with gamma radiation above proposed tolerance. Radiation in region of gills, mouth, one side fin.

FDA immediately began monitoring TELEMACHUS cargo comprehensively. May 19 found second contaminated yellowfin, seventy-five pounds, marked QUOTE Daiichi Trading Company Shimizu/UNQUOTE and tagged QUOTE April 24, 1954 UNQUOTE. Radiation equalled two-thirds of first fish and located in bony parts back of mouth and vertebra. Fish had already arrived butchering line in cannery when found, having previously passed spot check. No publicity here.

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Cargo examination now two-thirds completed. Expect KIKKIK finish May 21.

Atomic Energy Commission Laboratory New York starts radio-chemical analysis first fish today on priority basis. Results should be available May 21.

Suggest Embassy not (repeat not) inform Japanese Government

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SAE - Mr. Spiegel (in substance by phone)

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY 20962

until complete cargo report available. Department will wire final findings on cargo and further instructions soonest, probably May 21.

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