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Following information provided as basis reply Japanese aide message March 31 in order questions raised. Embassy may wish draft reply in more general terms.

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1. One percent figure may be correct but believe Japanese exaggerating problem detouring danger zone far areas to south and southeast whose yield believed considerably less than 60-65 percent claimed unless Japanese referring only to yellow fin tuna. Unnecessary however discuss point 1.

2. A. Currently prescribed danger area will be discontinued about end June following completion present test series. Unrestricted entry into area can then be granted up to three-mile territorial limits Eniwetok and Bikini atolls. Will be necessary reestablish same danger area prior next test series.

B. Difficulty getting exact time each shot period makes it impractical close danger area only during actual shot period. Additional difficulty notifying all concerned and time required for ships evacuate area. Therefore impossible designate intervals safe passage.

C. Safety factors make it undesirable reduce danger area. Wind conditions in Eniwetok area make it impractical exclude sector between 240° and 290°. Removal this sector would reduce acceptable shot days Eniwetok

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by approximately 80 per cent.

D. Advance information re approximate dates tests meaningless as experience has shown may be long delays. Security reasons also make undesirable advance announcement actual shot dates.

E. As announced March 24 (Embassy's 2290) Test Organization doing all possible provide appropriate safety measures and warnings ships inadvertently entering or approaching danger area. If Japanese ships are in area difficult rely on ensuring their departure prior next shot. Tie in with B above. Best precaution Japanese ships not enter. Cooperation Japanese Government would be helpful this purpose.

F. Departures atomic development program to national and world security makes necessary tests be conducted at times determined by scientific laboratories. As example period January-February best time weatherwise conduct tests. Tests conducted during periods generally unfavorable weather conditions would lengthen period necessary for establishment danger zone. United States Government aware concern Japanese fishing industry in area and will continue study how best minimize restrictions.

G. United States has repeatedly offered cooperate Japanese Government officials and exchange information beneficial members crew Fukuryu Maru as well as Japanese shipping and fishing interests. (FYI Atomic Energy Commission considering what additional detailed material can be made available.)

H. In view ~~press~~ reports Foreign Office ~~will~~ request United States apology, you may wish include mention United States concern and regret, as previously expressed.

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