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References DEPTTEL 2796 and EMBTEL 3160 *203 memo 9404251, 3/8/96*

1. I have just seen Dr. Bugher's message to Dr. Boss (Department telegram 2796) and while we here do not have full background his recommendations, we believe it is important for us to make some affirmative response to invitation reported Embassy's 3095.

2. After weeks of careful effort on part all concerned including splendid and apparently effective hospitality shown Tsuzuki by AEC, we have just got to point where we could anticipate discussion between our scientists and Japanese in reasonably calm atmosphere. Although three items mentioned in agenda were discussed much earlier with certain Japanese by AEC representatives here months ago, this conference would reach many more people here, would bring Japanese scientific community into much closer and less suspicious relationship to ours and would, I hope, lay groundwork for Japanese to retreat from some of extreme positions they have taken regarding perils of radioactivity. I realize from scientific point of view further discussion these matters would require time for preparation but actually meeting itself and attitude of American participants probably more important than actual data to be exchanged, especially as it would in any event be unclassified.

3. We are not sure it would be better hold conference after settlement of claims. It is our view that conference could help us with settlement of claims by helping reveal lack of basis for many of them. Also after settlement, we would see far less need for a conference unless it approached principally from standpoint of advanced scientific interchange.

4. Quite apart from foregoing, we run some considerable risk of undoing value of Tsuzuki visit and Boss-Donaldson visit here if after having sought to bring about Japanese invitation to our scientists, we now decline that invitation. I fear this would reawaken suspicions and sensitivities and cause scientific groups here to suspect we had little interest after all in holding discussions

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agenda, we propose immediate conference on single item of radiation problems in marine biology. US would be represented by Doctors Boss and Donaldson and suggest Japanese Government and science council supply scientists and officials concerned with fisheries problems.

7. Boss and Donaldson have already discussed this subject with individual Japanese scientists but only in general terms and they have refrained from presenting specific facts and figures in belief this more appropriate at proposed conference.

8. We think this alternative highly desirable not only from standpoint US-Japan relations but also from point view US fishing industry considerations. However, were it not for unpredictability press relations aspects of full conference I would regard recommendation paragraph 6 as no more than minimum needed to offset unfavorable repercussion of rejecting Japanese agenda.

9. Request Department's instructions regarding foregoing.

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