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RESDAT FROM CJTF SEVEN ENIWETOK MI TO USAEC GERMANTOWN MD,  
COFS USAF WASHDC INFO CINCPACFLT. WE HAVE COMPLETED AN INITIAL  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF ATOLLS WITHIN HAZARD AREA OF TEAK AT  
NIGHT AND FULL SEARCH OF WATER AREA INVOLVED. NO SHIPPING  
SIGHTED OTHER THAN INTERATOLL NATIVE CRAFT AND TRUST TERRITORY  
VESSELS. AERIAL SURVEY CONFIRMS ACCESSABILITY OF ALL ISLANDS  
AND AREA OF POPULATION BY HELICOPTER .

PLANS ARE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY EARLIER PROPOSAL.  
PLAN TO ASSEMBLE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE DISPATCHED TO THE NUMEROUS  
ISLANDS HERE AT ENIWETOK BEGINNING SEVEN APRIL, AND TO PLACE PLAN  
IN OPERATION ON ONE THREE APRIL. MOST IMPORTANT, THEREFORE,  
THAT IF CONTEMPLATED THE SHOT NOT RPT NOT BE FIRED, WE BE ADVISED  
BY SIX APRIL, PARTICULARLY SINCE PUBLIC NEWS OF THE ANTICIPATED  
EVENT COULD BE EXPECTED TO GET OUT SHORTLY AFTER NINE APRIL.  
WE ARE MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY TO FIRE EITHER TEAK OR ORANGE  
UNTIL SIX APRIL; AFTER THAT DATE WE WILL HAVE TO PROCEED WITH  
THE WARHEAD FOR ONE OR THE OTHER.

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