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2. Chart: The Route or Position of Fukuryu Maru V.
3. H/R: Additional Ground and Air Redsafe Survey Data During Period EPAVO to EPAVO plus 5 days.
4. Black and White Contact Prints (247 separate prints) Relative to Surveys, Evacuation and Care of Rongelap and Utrik Natives (1 set to each command or agency indicated above)

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CONTAMINATION OF THE FUKURYU MARU AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS
IN JAPAN: PRELIMINARY REPORT

I have recorded some of the observations made during my visit to Japan to assist in the various problems arising out of the mishap to the Fukuryu Maru. I am sending this along to you at this time because you will no doubt want a preliminary report prior to my return to the states in about 2 weeks.

This memorandum is intended to augment the report that Dr. Morton will submit to you. I have attempted to limit myself to factors other than those associated with the clinical phases of the problem, with which Dr. Morton's group are concerned.

THE INCIDENT

The mishap which befell the Fukuryu Maru became known to the Embassy and the world on March 16 through reports in the Japanese press. This was two days after the 100-ton fishing vessel had returned to its home port of Yaizu. The facts of the incident, as determined by the Japanese Foreign Office and communicated (1) to the Ambassador, are as follows:

(1) The course of the vessel from its departure on January 27 to its return to Yaizu on March 14 is plotted in Figure No. 1. At 0412 hours on March 1 a streak of light reported by the crew is believed to identify the time of detonation. The vessel's position was approximately $11^{\circ} 53\frac{1}{4}'$ north and $166^{\circ} 34\frac{1}{4}'$ east. This position is only a few miles from the easternmost limit of the Marshall Islands danger area in effect at that time.

(2) Two blasts in succession were heard about 7 or 8 minutes after the light had been seen. The crew is reported to have become apprehensive and began at that time to haul in their fishing lines, an operation which continued until 1030 hours, at which time the vessel headed north "to get out of the area".

(3) At about 0700 on March 1, ashes began to fall, turning the deck white. The position of the vessel at this time is given at $11^{\circ} 56\frac{3}{4}'$ north and $165^{\circ} 42\frac{1}{2}'$ east. The ashes kept falling until noon at which time the position of the vessel was estimated at $12^{\circ} 14'$ north and $166^{\circ} 53'$ east.

(1) Aide Memoire of March 27

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(1) At 11:00 AM on March 2, the ship was in the vicinity of the island of Yaizu, where it arrived at 0800 on March 3.

(5) In the following two or three days, all the crew reported slight headaches and some of them were nauseous. In 7 or 8 days, evidence of burns on exposed parts of the body began to appear.

In response to certain questions which the Ambassador asked the Foreign Service, the following information was received. It sheds some light on the sequence of events during the 2 days following the return of the Fukuryu Maru to Yaizu, but before the mishap had come to the attention of the Embassy.

(1) The crew first contacted the ship's owner, and the director of the Fisherman's union. On the day of their return crew members who were seriously affected consulted a physician of the Kyoritsu Hospital.

(2) Two of the fishermen, _____ and _____ who were in more serious condition left the Kyoritsu on March 15 for Tokyo where they visited Doctor Shimizu at the Tokyo University Hospital.

(3) Professor Shickawa made radiation measurements of the ship on March 16 and on the basis of his findings all of the crew members consulted a physician who recommended that the men be hospitalized.

THE ROLE OF THE JAPANESE SCIENTISTS

During the latter half of March the Japanese press was fed continually with sensational statements from Japanese Scientists. ~~The motivations of the Japanese were never quite understood by us~~ **DELETED**

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In my initial conference with the Japanese scientists I was forced to the conclusion that they were not well equipped to deal properly with the radiological aspects of the problem. For example:

(1) Some of the top scientists took the position that because a new kind of bomb was involved, the problem itself was a new one, and that unless they know all about the bomb, they could evaluate neither the injury to the fishermen nor the aspect of long-range contamination of Japan and its fishing crews throughout the Pacific.

(2) They were quick to identify qualitatively some of the radioactive isotopes in the ash and immediately concluded that deposition of these radio-isotopes in the tissues of the men was the prime factor in their medical status. This decision was reached without benefit of radio-chemical urine analyses of the patients. This procedure which was beyond the capability of their laboratories is of course a prerequisite to understanding the amount and kind of fission product absorption that actually occurred.

(3) The University of Tokyo group administered parentally a massive dose of ash to one mouse, and following sacrifice 12 hours later, determined by radiography that radioactivity was present in the mouse skeleton. The activity of the dose was not measured. The fact that the radioactivity was detected by the scientists in the skeleton of the mouse was widely publicized as evidence for their conclusion that the patients were carrying dangerous internal deposits of radioactive isotopes.

As individuals, the scientists seemed anxious to cooperate. In my initial conversations with them they freely asked for help and seemed gratified at some of the things that we could do for them. My participation on the American team was limited to the radiological aspects of the case and only incidentally to the patients themselves. Unfortunately the nature of Dr. Morton's participation required that he be given direct access to the patients and this the Japanese consistently refused to grant. As the days went by and the Japanese became more resolute in their decision to deny access to the patients, other areas of the problem became infected by the uncooperative atmosphere. This will become apparent in subsequent portions of the report.

OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE JAPANESE

When I arrived in Tokyo on March 22 Dr. Morton had already offered to the Japanese the full facilities of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission. General Hull had likewise offered the facilities of the Far East Command. These offers were accompanied by a spirit of sympathy and the desire to assist the Japanese investigators in their efforts to evaluate the incident and to restore the health of the fishermen. At a meeting with top

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Japanese scientists and government officials on March 24, I made a further offer, in behalf of the Atomic Energy Commission, to provide whatever facilities were available for evaluation of the radiological factors involved in the incident. I repeated the assurances repeated earlier by Dr. Morton that we wished sincerely to be of assistance, that our participation was not motivated (as some Japanese suggested) by the opportunities for scientific studies, and that whatever data we obtained would be turned over to the Japanese investigators to be used by them in any way they saw fit.

At this point it would be desirable to list the radiological studies which had been already made by the Japanese. These studies are of interest because they indicate the extent of Japanese capabilities in this field, and define the extent to which our facilities would be helpful to the Japanese.

(1) Using a Cutie Pie, they measured the radioactivity of the Fukuryu Maru. These data appear completely satisfactory and prove to be in good agreement with measurements made with American calibrated equipment.

(2) They measured radioactivity of the fish and fishermen, using portable survey equipment. However, their equipment was not calibrated and their data were given in counts per minute as determined by the original factory calibration.

(3) They determined that the ash recovered from the vessel was radioactive using an end window GM tube and scaler. Their counting system was not calibrated and they reported counts per minute with no knowledge of the factor required to convert their data to standard units.

(4) They completed a qualitative radiochemical analysis of the ash and reported the following: Sr 89, Y91, Zr95, Nb95m, Nb95, Ru103, Ru106, Rh106, Sb127, Te132, I131, I132, Ba140, La140, Ce141, Ce144. (More recently they have completed a semi-quantitative analysis for a few isotopes).

(5) They had scanned the bodies of the fishermen with a GM probe.

(6) They had administered a dose of ash to 1 mouse, as described earlier.

(7) Using an immersion type GM tube, they had demonstrated radioactivity in the urine of 3 fishermen. As before, their equipment was not calibrated and the absolute activity could not be determined.

With this as the status of their investigation at the time of my arrival, and following several hours during which I acquainted the Japanese with our experience in this field, I offered the following services to them:

(1) Complete radiochemical analysis of 24 hour urine collections from all patients. In view of the importance of this analysis in evaluating the status of the patients, I urged that these samples be furnished immediately and assured them that in one week it would be possible to give them a report for the constituents of principal biological importance. I explained the need for serial samples and suggested that collections be made at weekly intervals. They seemed anxious to accept this service.

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ACTION: This offer was made on March 24. On March 26 we obtained urine from two patients. On April 1 we obtained urine from 5 more. We have not obtained urine from the remaining 16 patients despite our repeated attempts to do so.

(2) I offered to scan the fishermen for radiation, using two Scintimeters that I had available.

ACTION: I have been unable to do this because they have not permitted the American team to have access to the patients.

(3) In response to the Japanese request I offered to provide a report on the biologically significant radio-isotopes present in the ash.

ACTION: Dr. Nakaizumi gave me a small amount of deck sweepings from the Fukuryu Maru. This I have sent to the Health and Safety Laboratory for future study. The composition of the ash was actually known to the Commission from analysis performed by the Air Force on the material obtained from the Fukuryu Maru prior to my visit. Authorization for transmission of this information to the Japanese was communicated to me in telegram No. 2199 from the Secretary of State to the Ambassador. I transmitted this information to Dr. Kobayoshi on April 7.

(4) I offered to arrange for animal studies which would provide useful information on absorption and metabolism of the various radio-chemical components of the ash.

ACTION: The Japanese reported the extent of the total amount of ash recovered as 50 millicuries. They now deny that this much is available and have no inventory of the material. Except for the small amount of ash turned over to me by Dr. Nakaizumi and a similar amount which I recovered on a subsequent visit to the Fukuryu Maru, no ash has been made available to us.

(5) In response to Japanese requests, I agreed to recommend monitoring procedures for the tuna inspectors.

ACTION: Monitoring procedures was devised but I deferred the question of maximum permissible contamination until more information became available on the extent and type of contamination. I agreed to stand by until the first contaminated tuna were found by inspection, at which time I would go to the scene of inspection and recommend specifically on the basis of my own observations whether the catch should be accepted or rejected. As noted elsewhere in some detail, the Japanese never permitted me to examine tuna which was allegedly contaminated.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE INCIDENT

The mishap to the Fukuryu Maru created a number of separate, but inter-related problems. Of these, the most urgent was the clinical status of the 23 fishermen, a subject with which Dr. Morton is exclusively concerned and about which he will report separately. Other problems which required attention were:

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- (1) Contaminated Tuna.
 - (2) Apprehension of long-range contamination of Japan and its fishing grounds.
 - (3) Radiological factors affecting the fishermen:
 - (a) Estimating the whole body dose.
 - (b) Estimated dose from internal emitters.

Contaminated Tuna

Some of the Japanese Government officials are already referring to the latter half of March as the "great tuna panic". The origin of this panic both in the United States and Japan is worthy of careful study. The extent of the tuna consumption in the United States and Japan declined during the second half of March is now known to me at this time. For a day prior to my departure from New York on March 19, and for 2 weeks following my arrival in Tokyo on March 22 the subject of radioactive tuna was a subject of popular conversation. When one considers the reaction of the informed American public to the possibilities of contamination of tuna it is not surprising that the Japanese were stampeded into apprehension over the immediate prospects of their eating radioactive tuna and the long-range prospects of their fishing grounds being ruined.

(A) Tuna Fishing Industry of Japan L/

The Japanese fishing fleet at the present time consists of about 1,000 vessels operating out of ten major ports. The annual value of the tuna catch approximates \$26 million. The principal export species is albacor. Sixty percent of the landed albacor catch went to Japanese canners and forty percent was shipped abroad in freezers. Sixty percent of the albacor are caught in the summer season which extends from May through July. During this season, the fishing grounds are located relatively close to the Asiatic coast.

During the winter months, January through March, the Japanese vessels range far out to sea. The winter season accounts for forty percent of the annual catch.

(B) Contaminated Tuna in Japan

The Fukuryu Maru landed at Yaizu with a catch of 28,000 pounds of tuna. We must accept the fact that these tuna were excessively contaminated and that the decision of the Japanese to dispose of these

L. An excellent report of technical information about the Japanese tuna fisheries in Japan is report No. 104 issued by the Natural Resources Section of SCAP in March, 1948.

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fish was a wise one. There is reason to believe that contamination was confined to the surface of the fish and occurred when the radioactive ashes fell and entered the ships hold.

With the decision of the United States Food and Drug Administration to monitor incoming shipments of tuna, the shipping companies operating out of Japan initiated a requirement that the Japanese certify export shipments as being free of radioactivity.

When I arrived in Japan on March 22, the Japanese had already monitored their first outgoing shipment of frozen tuna. The Ministry of Welfare undertook to have its sanitation inspectors trained in the use of geiger counters and began the routine inspection of both incoming and outgoing tuna at five ports. All vessels were instructed to return to one of these ports. Five geiger counters were obtained from the Far East Command and loaned to the Japanese. In addition, they mustered approximately the same number from various sources in Japan.

On March 24, at a conference with the Japanese Government officials, they asked for my recommendation for maximum permissible contamination. They also asked that I recommend the kind of examination that should be made of the fish.

Because of my unfamiliarity with the mechanical details of handling tuna shipments, I suggested that I be permitted to study tuna loading operations scheduled for the following day. Thereupon it was arranged that I should accompany Japanese officials to Yokohama where the Eatan was being loaded with frozen albacor.

Tuna shipments involve many fish and it is not an easy matter to monitor properly with inexperienced personnel and only a few survey instruments. Based on my inspection of the Eatan, I suggested that every tenth fish be monitored for about 1 minute by passing an open window GM probe over the surface of the fish, paying particular attention to the gills. I also instructed them to insert the probe into the mouth of the tuna and into the abdominal incision through the fish.

There remained the question of criteria for rejection of fish found to be contaminated. Again it is not a simple matter to evaluate the risk to a consumer of tuna from measurements made in this way. I informed the Japanese that I was unable to propose a realistic figure without some study. On the other hand it was my belief that significantly contaminated fish were not likely to be found. Low level fall out to the skins of the fish was, of course, a possibility. This seemed to be of little significance in view of existing cannery practices which strips the skins from the fish when processing begins. I told the Japanese I would be standing by in Tokyo, that they should continue to monitor the fish by the method I proposed, and that when and if contaminated fish were found I should be advised and given the opportunity immediately to make a first hand inspection of the fish. My recommendations would depend on what I found.

No contaminated tuna have been brought to my attention. Newspapers have occasionally reported incoming shipment of contaminated fish but the Japanese had not requested that I make an examination of them.

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The following sequence of events illustrates some of the difficulties we have had:

(1) On March 31 we read in one of the Tokyo English language newspapers of two fishing vessels that were contaminated. The Embassy called the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who reported the following information by telephone:

(a) The Koei Maru, then at the port of Misaki, was at 9 degrees, 22 minutes north, 178 degrees, 19 minutes east on March 1. The surface of the ship was reading 2443 counts per minute, the catch 155 counts per minute and the men 500 counts per minute. The fish had been impounded awaiting a decision as to their safety.

(b) The Myojiim Maru was at Shiogone. On March 1 it was at 29 degrees, 8 minutes north, 177 degrees, 19 minutes east. The surface of the ship was reading 50 to 400 counts per minute, the fish 56 to 84 counts per minute, and the crew 40 to 90 counts per minute.

(2) The Embassy informed the Ministry of Welfare of my interest in seeing the ships and fish and told them a special plane would be available to fly me to the two ports. The Foreign office was requested to arrange for access to the vessels and was invited to send whoever they wished to designate with me on this trip. A flight was scheduled for early on the morning of April 2.

(3) Around noon on April 1 the Foreign Ministry called the Embassy and advised that the Myojiim Maru had left Shiogone that morning, that its destination was not known, and that the fish had been disposed of in an unknown manner. The Embassy informed the Foreign Ministry that, this being the case, we would limit our trip to Misaki.

(4) At 4 PM on the afternoon of April 1 the Foreign Ministry again called to inform the Embassy that the Koei Maru had left the port of Misaki one hour before to dump its contaminated catch at sea. The Embassy asked the Foreign Ministry to call the vessel back inasmuch as it was only one hour off port but the Japanese stated this could not be accomplished.

To summarise the tuna situation, it is my belief that no significantly contaminated tuna have arrived in Japan except for the catch from the Fukuryu Maru. Rigerous inspections procedures will undoubtedly disclose certain amounts of low level radioactivity on the surface of the tuna but the significance of this is minimized by the practice of skinning tuna prior to canning. In the meantime the tuna market has stabilized and tuna representatives of American tuna interests have informed me that their companies are no longer concerned over the problem.

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Apprehension of Long Range Contamination in Japan and its
Fishing Grounds

Japanese apprehensions over the possibility of long range radiological contamination were very similar to those we encountered in the United States as a result of NPG operations.

A difference in Japan is due to the fact that none, if any, of the counting equipment is calibrated, GM tubes are used without shields, and under conditions where the background count is apt to be highly variable. This, coupled with the fact that they do not know the background activities of such things as soil and biological materials, makes it very difficult to evaluate the reports. Many of the reports of "ash" falling in various parts of Japan are undoubtedly dust or soot falls that occur normally in any industrial area from time to time. Reputable scientists have examined samples of potassium-rich soil and have reported their data as gross counts without any reference to normal soil background. For this reason I find it very difficult to take serious the frequent public report of 50 to 100 counts per minute for the unspecified size of samples reported from time to time.

At my conference with the Japan scientists and government officials on March 24, I explained the procedures we use in the States for measuring fallout. I urged them to use similar procedures for the sake of uniformity and offered to loan them the equipment we used. They seemed eager to accept and I requested 4 sets of equipment which has since arrived from the States. However, since the arrival of this equipment, I have delayed giving it to the Japanese because in their present state of mind little good could come of it. I do believe, however, that when the present confusion subsides, it will be useful for the Japanese to maintain a fallout monitoring network and I think we should cooperate with them to the fullest extent.

In a conference with Dr. Kobayoshi on March 26, I informed him of my conversation with Dr. Bugher and his offer in behalf of the Atomic Energy Commission to provide financial support for marine biological studies directed at the long range contamination of the Pacific. Dr. Kobayoshi, through his interpreter, expressed his appreciation for this offer but did not pursue the matter further and has not approached me since.

With regard to fallout on the Japanese islands themselves, it is to be remembered that the position of those islands in relation to possible sites of weapons testing is such that the Russian testing program is apt to produce more fallout than events in the Marshalls or Nevada.

Estimating the Whole Body Dose

I doubt that it will be possible to make a satisfactory estimate of either the Beta or Gamma dose the fishermen received. We know that the ash fell in such quantities that the deck of the ship became white, and there was sufficient material to develop visible footprints. Unfortunately, this is the limit of our information on how much ash fell and how long it remained on the ship. The fishermen washed the decks in order to remove the ash and according to their reports their washing was effective. When the vessel arrived in Yaizu much of what remained was removed.

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Measurements made by various instruments during the period between March 20-26 are in agreement. It is curious that the Beta-Gamma ratio is about 1. This would indicate that the bulk of the ash had by this time penetrated to the porous wood structure of the deck, thus absorbing the Betas. The Gamma radiation over most of the ship was approximately 40 m.r. per hour when the ship arrived in port. If we extrapolate this back to H / 3 hours, the time the ash began to fall, the integrated Gamma dose is about 100 R. Of course, the ash was falling from H plus 3 hours to about H plus 9 hours. If we take the mid-point of this period as the start of exposure we find the exposure is about 70 R. This, however, estimates the whole body Gamma radiation from residual debris still on the ship when the first measurements were made. The actual dose could have been 2, 10, or even 100 times higher depending on how much ash was washed off the ship and at what time.

We have made a number of discreet inquiries in the hopes that photographic film might have been available aboard the ship and might possibly be used as a dosimeter. All efforts to date have been negative.

Deposition of Internal Emitters

There was an urgent requirement to evaluate the extent to which fission products had been absorbed into the tissues of the fishermen. As mentioned earlier, Dr. Nakaidzumi had concluded from his mouse experiment that the prognosis for the fishermen was adversely affected by the probability of excessive deposition of long-lived bone-seeking isotopes. The Japanese scientists were desperately looking for an agent to mobilize these isotopes and Dr. Lewis believes that they had administered EDTA to the patients, despite the fact that urine analysis was beyond their capability and they were therefore unable to determine either the need for EDTA or the effect produced by it. Apart from the fact that they were unable to undertake urine analysis at that time, it is also evident that they did not understand the dynamics of fission product metabolism and were not used to thinking in terms of urinary excretion levels as an index of absorption and deposition.

They were anxious to provide me with samples of urine for State-side analysis. Two samples were delivered on March 26 and five more on March 30. As yet we have not received samples from the remaining 16 patients. The samples received were properly forwarded to the Health and Safety Laboratory and I have had the results of gross analysis of the first two samples. I communicated these results to Dr. Kobayashi in the attached letter which is self-explanatory.

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Dr. Rokuzo Kobayashi
National Institute of Health
Welfare Ministry
TOKYO

Dear Dr. Kobayashi:

On March 26 we received two samples of urine from patients at the Tokyo University Hospital. I am happy to be able to report at this time that the radioactivity of these samples is so low that the deposits of fission products in the tissues of the two patients can be accepted as well within the limits of safety. The results follow:

- 720 disintegrations per minute per liter
- 510 " " " " " "

Data on the individual radio-isotopes will be telegraphed to me in another few days. It will then be possible for me to be more quantitative in estimating the dose from absorbed fission products. However, it is most certain that the storage of long-lived radio-isotopes is insignificant in these men.

As you know, the rate of excretion of fission products at any given time after absorption bears a relationship to the quantities deposited in the various tissues. The principal radiochemical constituents at this time are due to Sr 89, La140 and the Rare Earths. These are isotopes which have relatively short half-lives and are eliminated from the body with comparative rapidity either by radioactive decay or excretion. In the case of these patients, Sr90 is most certainly an insignificant fraction of the total absorbed radioactivity. The permissible urinary excretion, considering the isotopes involved, would be greater, by a large factor, than the values reported above.

I note that the newspapers continue to carry occasional statements of the Japanese investigators to the effect that the prognosis for the fishermen is adversely affected by the fact that long-life bone-seeking isotopes are deposited in their tissues. It is regrettable that the public continues to be misinformed in this respect. Certainly the results reported above argue convincingly that only minimal, medically insignificant amounts of fission products have been absorbed into the tissues of the two patients for whom results are available.

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I regret that I am unable to give you the results of analysis of urine from the 21 other patients. Knowing that those data would be highly important to your committee in its evaluations of the medical status of these patients, we have offered to undertake radiochemical urine analysis of all 23 patients. The urine from only two patients has been delivered to us in time to permit shipment to the States and analysis by this date. More recently, samples from five additional patients from the Tokyo University Hospital were delivered to us, but we have not as yet received samples from the 16 patients now hospitalized at the Daiichi Hospital.

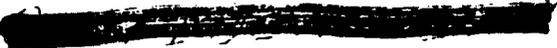
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Additional Ground and Air Radsafe Survey Data During Period BRAVO to BRAVO plus 5 Days

1. Following are readings from radsafe surveys during the period B to B plus 5 days:

a. Special ground surveys from PEM survey flight and DDE evacuation parties: (All times Zebra, March 1954.)

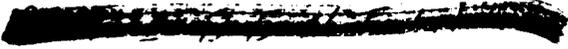
		<u>Waist height on AN/PLR T1B in mr/hr</u>
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Rongelap Island	020645	1400
Ailinginae Island	030445	445
Utirik Atoll	030145	160
Eniaetok Island (Rongelap Atoll)	020645	3000

b. NYOO ABLE, BAKER and CHARLIE flights originating from Kwajalein, flights GEORGE and ITEM originating from Oahu, flight EASY originating from Guam, and flight KING (Gilbert Islands), using special airborne (P2V) survey equipment (all times Zebra, March 1954, and readings extrapolated to the ground).

(1) NYOO Kwajalein Flight ABLE:

<u>Atoll</u>	<u>DTG</u> <u>(Zebra)</u>	<u>Intensity</u> <u>(mr/hr)</u>	<u>Atoll</u>	<u>DTG</u> <u>(Zebra)</u>	<u>Intensity</u> <u>(mr/hr)</u>
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*Taongi	020325	1.400	*Bikar	020428	600.000
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(2) NYOO Kwajalein Flight B:

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Ujelang	022015	.800			

(4) NYOO Guam Flight EASY:

Guam	052140	.000	Namonuito	060010	.000
Truk	060100	.000	Kuop	060110	.000
Losap	060135	.000	Namoluk	060200	.000
Lukonor	060215	.000	Satawan	060230	.000
Pulap	060404	.000	Guam	060615	.000

(5) NYOO Oahu Flight GEORGE:

Kauai	051740	.200	Miihau	051755	.080
Kaula	051805	.100	Nihoa	051857	.100
Necker	052000	.100	Fr. Frigate Shl.	052032	.200
Gardner Pinn.	052124	.200	Maro Reef	052225	.200
Laysan	052250	.080	Lisianski	052330	.080
Pearl-Hermes Rf.	060025	.080	Midway	060055	.100

(6) NYOO Oahu Flight ITAM:

Oahu	041718	.030	Lanai	041747	.004
Hawaii	041845	.040	Mauai	042035	.080
Molokai	042115	.020			

(7) NYOO Gilbert Island Flight KING:

Beru	052305	.080	Nukunau	052315	.080
Arorae	052344	.040	Tamana	060015	.040
Onotoa	060028	.040	Tabiteuea	060047	.080
Araduka	060135	.040	Abemama	-	.040
Tarawa	060229	.040	Abaiang	060239	.000
Marakei	060249	.000	Makin	060310	.080
Nonouti	060114	.030			

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<u>PHOTO NO.</u>	<u>DATE TAKEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CAPTION</u>
1	4 Mar 54	Utirik	Trust Territory Representative and Interpreter arriving Utirik from Kwajalein to meet USS RENSHAW.
2	4 Mar 54	Utirik	RENSHAW receiving Utirik natives.
3	4 Mar 54	Utirik	Utirik natives on deck of RENSHAW.
4	4 Mar 54	Utirik	Similar
5	4 Mar 54	Utirik	Utirik Natives in whale boat.
7	4 Mar 54	Utirik	Loading Utirik natives on RENSHAW
8	4 Mar 54	Utirik	Utirik natives eating on deck of RENSHAW.
11	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	RENSHAW arriving Kwajalein.
12	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Utirik natives being transported to compound.
22-1012	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Whale boat coming onto Rongelap.
22-1013	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Navv work party preparing gear to pull native boat onto beach.
22-1014	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Native huts on Rongelap Island.
22-1015	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Navv men pulling native boat onto beach.
22-1016	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Similar, different angle.
22-1018	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Whaleboat coming alongside USS NICHOLAS.
22-1019	11 Mar 54	Rongelap	Crew of NICHOLAS preparing to hoist whaleboat aboard.
22-1020	10 Mar 54	Sifo Island	Navv men taking native hut apart.
22-1021	10 Mar 54	Sifo Island	Mr. Strobe taking sand sample from Sifo Island for radiation tests.
22-1022	10 Mar 54	Sifo Island	Navv preparing native equipment for protection.

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22-1023	10 Mar 54	Sifo Is.	Mr. Wilds, Dept of Interior representative placing native goods under cover for protection.
22-1024	10 Mar 54	Sifo Is.	Navy men cleaning native property before placing in tents.
22-1025	10 Mar 54	Sifo Is.	climbing coconut tree to secure sample for radiation tests.
22-1026	10 Mar 54	Sifo Is.	Soule checking radiation of drying copra in tent area.
22-1027	10 Mar 54	Rongelap	Interior Rongelap School: Front-left.
22-1028	10 Mar 54	Rongelap	Same as above: Front-right.
22-1029	10 Mar 54	Rongelap	Exterior of Rongelap School.
22-1030	10 Mar 54	Rongerik	Reefer storage.
22-1031	10 Mar 54	Rongerik	Dumping spoiled food.
22-1032	10 Mar 54	Rongerik	Whaleboat survey party going ashore Eniwetak.
22-1033	10 Mar 54	Rongelap	Survey of native hut.
22-1034	3 Mar 54	Utirik	Aerial: Utirik Atoll from FSM.
22-1035	3 Mar 54	Utirik	Boy and old man on Utirik.
22-1036	3 Mar 54	Utirik	Village shot from lagoon.
22-1037	3 Mar 54	Utirik	Aerial of island.
22-1047	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	with native women and children.
22-1049	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Gen [redacted], Capt [redacted], Adm [redacted] Gen [redacted] talk to John, Magistrate of Rongelap, and [redacted] from Utirik.
22-1050	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Gen [redacted], Adm [redacted], [redacted], John.
22-1051	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	USMC Band playing for natives at Naval dispensary.
22-1052	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Natives waiting for medics; [redacted] talks to [redacted]

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CLASS: [redacted] and HMC Contact Points Relative to Chuysa, Ty [redacted]
 and Sons of Banglap and Utirik Natives

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<u>PHOTO NO.</u>	<u>DATE TAKEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CAPTION</u>
22-1053	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] and [redacted], HMC, USN behind desk start medical record on and daughter,
22-1054	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] HM3 and [redacted] HM3 take blood samples from baby's toe, mother next right.
22-1055	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] take blood sample from Utirik boy, mother next.
22-1056	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] takes sample of blood from Utirik man.
22-1057	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar, different native man.
22-1058	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] HMC, making blood count at microscope.
22-1059	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] HM2, preparing blood sample for a cell count.
22-1060	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar, different angle.
22-1061	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Utirik mother bottle feeding baby at dispensary.
22-1062	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Marshallese waiting turn for finger- prick at dispensary.
22-1063	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	HM2 [redacted] getting blood sample from elderly Utirik man.
22-1064	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Procedure meeting of Native Aid Operation; left to right: Adm [redacted] Lt [redacted], Cdr [redacted], Lt [redacted], Lcdr [redacted] Cdr Cdr [redacted], Capt [redacted]
22-1066	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native women prepare fruits.
22-1067	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	[redacted] issuing soap for natives' decontamination baths in lagoon.
22-1068	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Male natives taking decontamination baths in lagoon.
22-1069	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	LS: Native compound at Kwajalein.
22-1070	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Marshallese Church Service.

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<u>PHOTO NO.</u>	<u>DATE TAKEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CAPTION</u>
22-1071	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Natives leaving Church Service.
22-1072	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	CWOHC with native boy at dispensary.
22-1073	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Drs. Cdr W.J. Hall, Capt DeMont, Lt
22-1074	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native women prepare for decontamination bath.
22-1075	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar: LS: Island background (issuing soap).
22-1076	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar: LS: Lagoon background (issuing soap).
22-1077	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Decontamination bath: Mother with baby in lagoon.
22-1078	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	and wife (Utirik) in compound.
22-1079	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Utirik man with children in compound.
22-1080	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native mother with baby drinking coconut.
22-1081	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native father with baby drinking coconut.
22-1082	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	playing with native kids.
22-1083	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	DC2, A03, CWO Monitor team. AK1:
22-1084	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Drs. Lt Thompson, Capt
22-1085	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	monitoring native woman with baby.
22-1086	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	monitoring young native girl
22-1087	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	and monitor native man and boys.
22-1088	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	monitoring young boy.
22-1089	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	and monitor native man.
22-1090	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Sailors monitor native man with baby.

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and Corps of Rongelap and Ujae Natives

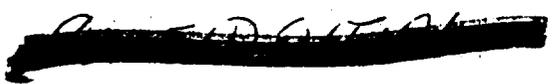
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<u>PHOTO NO.</u>	<u>DATE TAKEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CAPTION</u>
22-1091	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Sailors monitor natives at compound.
22-1092	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	or and read native boy's foot.
22-1093	5 Mar 54	Kwajalein	reading lady's hair (geiger)
22-1094	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	King John (Rongelap) talking to Drs. Dunning, DeMent, Hall and Mr.
22-1095	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Drs. Dunning, DeMent, unknown, Hall, unknown.
22-1097	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Sailors play hopscotch with native kids.
22-1098	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Taking chow to native mess (from truck).
22-1099	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Natives in chow line. Sailors serving.
22-1100	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	USMC Band playing for Marshallese.
22-1101	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar to 22-1100.
22-1102	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native barber giving haircuts.
22-1103	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Ensign Peters and Mr. Evans (ARC) with handout items.
22-1104	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	, and handing out ARC items to natives.
22-1105	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar to 22-1104.
22-1106	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Lt Marcella (nurse) with Dr. DeMent, Capt, USN.
22-1107	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	, and giving candy to native kids.
22-1108	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Marshallese playing volley-ball.
22-1109	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	, and unwrapping candy, etc. for natives.
22-1110	11 Mar 54	Kwajalein	with monitor and Dr. DeMent check natives' hair after decontami- nation wash. Ensigns Johnson and look on.

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22-1208	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Portrait of Chief Magistrate of Rongelap, John.
22-1209	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Weather station personnel being examined by Dr. Conard.
22-1210	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. V. Bond examining hair of
22-1211	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Group shot of weather station personnel subjected to fallout from BRAVO: left to right: Seated, A/1C S/Sgt A/1C A/1C A/2C A/1C standing: A/1C, I/Sgt S/Sgt A/1C A/1C A/1C WOJG S/Sgt
22-1212	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native children eating lunch.
22-1213	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Adults and children eating lunch.
22-1214	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar to 1213.
22-1215	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar to 1213.
22-1216	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar to 1213.
22-1219	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Conard examining natives.
22-1220	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1221	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Left to right: Dr. Conard, and (interpreter) - examination.
22-1222	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Left to right: Mahaffey, Evans, Dr. Conard, with natives at examination.
22-1223	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Conard and discuss shot of native examination, camera in background.
22-1224	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Conard examining back of neck of native.
22-1225	10 Mar 54	Rongerik (Eniwetok Is)	Radsafe man checking tent (ionosphere recording station) for radiation level.

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<u>PHOTO NO.</u>	<u>DATE TAKEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CAPTION</u>
22-1235	10 Mar 54	Eniwetak Is	Navy man holding sick rat (radiation) at Eniwetak main camp.
22-1237	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Native workshed along beach.
22-1238	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Interior of native home.
22-1239	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Similar.
22-1240	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Radsafe man checking outrigger canoe for fallout radiation.
22-1241	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Similar.
22-1242	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Beach scene of Rongelap.
22-1243	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Left to right: Mr. M.E. Wilds (Department of Interior Representative) and Lt Fink, Executive Officer of USS NICHOLAS talking to destroyer by radio.
22-1244	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Radsafe man checking native cemetery for radiation.
22-1245	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Similar to 22-1244.
22-1246	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Typical native house in main part of village.
22-1258	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Pigs left at village after evacuation.
22-1260	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Chickens left behind by natives.
22-1261	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	... sitting in whaleboat.
22-1262	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Dr. Scoville sitting in whaleboat.
22-1263	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Whaleboat anchored in lagoon.
22-1264	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Two whaleboats together in lagoon for conference on procedure.
22-1265	8 Mar 54	Rongelap	Whaleboat underway in lagoon.
22-1266	8 Mar 54	Rongerik	Navy personnel examining mess hall at main camp on Eniwetak Island.
22-1267	8 Mar 54	Rongerik	Similar, different view in mess hall.
22-1268	8 Mar 54	Rongerik	Interior of reefcr.
22-1269	8 Mar 54	Rongerik	Similar.

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22-1296	9 Mar 54	Rongelap	Rongelap village scene.
22-1297	9 Mar 54	Rongelap	Abandoned goose on Rongelap beach.
22-1298	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Cronkite examining King Ian of Utirik
22-1299	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1300	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1301	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1302	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native people of Utirik watching examina- tion.
22-1303	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Two typical native women and two girls.
22-1304	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Natives watching examination.
22-1305	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Conard behind natives watching exami- nation.
22-1306	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Cronkite examining native girl's mouth.
22-1307	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Dr. Cronkite examining native boy's hair.
22-1308	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Portrait of King Ian of Utirik.
22-1309	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Group shot of _____, King Ian, Dr. Cronkite and King Ian's wife.
22-1310	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	TU-3 photographer photographing natives for identification purposes.
22-1311	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1312	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1313	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Interior of hospital, nurse Kathleen Emil treating ear sore of _____, Dr. Shulman in background.
22-1314	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar, Dr. Shulman treating
22-1315	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Similar.
22-1316	20 Mar 54	Kwajalein	Native children treated for anal cracks.

