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The General Manager said that several questions had arisen as a result of Japanese interest in matters related to fall-out from test operations. First, it had been suggested by the U. S. Ambassador in Tokyo that Japanese physicians be invited to participate in the examination of U. S. personnel at Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. The AEC had declined this proposal.

A second question involved possible AEC participation in a government-sponsored expedition by Japanese scientists, accompanied by reporters, to areas adjacent to the proving grounds. This suggestion had been approved by the State Department. The Director of Biology and Medicine had suggested, however, that it would be sufficient for AEC personnel to meet and confer with the Japanese technicians at Wake Island or some other convenient location.

The Commissioners discussed at length the question of the role of the AEC in this expedition. The Chairman suggested that the views of CIA on this question be requested and that the Commission meet early in the following week with the Director of Biology and Medicine to discuss the question further.

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