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25 SEP 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: DOD Support for Cleanup of Enewetak

1. At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense on 14 November 1972, the Director, Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA) was designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as DOD Project Manager for the proposed cleanup of Enewetak Atoll (MJCS-388-72). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published on 6 September 1974. Funds in the amount of \$4.0 million for initiating this project were included in the FY 1975 Military Construction request. It is expected that this project will be authorized and funded shortly.

2. I headed a joint team of Department of Defense, Atomic Energy Commission and Department of the Interior representatives who visited Enewetak Atoll and met with the Enewetak People, their legal representatives and officials of the Trust Territory Government in early September for the purpose of presenting the DEIS. Our visit was exceptionally well received and there does not appear to be any substantial opposition on the part of the Enewetak People which would delay our decision to proceed with the accomplishment of the proposed project. However, they have until 11 November 1974 to submit comments.

3. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been designated as the construction agency to accomplish the proposed work, which they plan to do by contract. Their Pacific Ocean Division is currently preparing necessary plans and contract documents. It is planned that DNA will have a small element on the atoll to carry out the necessary coordination inherent in the responsibilities of DOD Project Manager.

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4. The magnitude of this project and the location of the work site, almost 2,500 miles from Honolulu, the nearest support base with significant capability, will make it necessary for DNA to obtain support from the Services during its accomplishment. In anticipation of this need I respectfully request that the attached letter or a similar one be sent by you to the Service Secretaries and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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