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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN SEABORG
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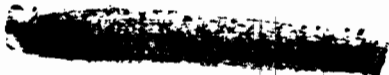
SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE RETURN OF THE NATIVES TO THE
BIKINI ATOLL

The letter of December 7, 1966, from the Secretary of the Interior, to the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (copy attached), will reveal that Secretary Udall requested that the Atomic Energy Commission take steps to determine "whether Bikini and its lagoon are now safe for continued habitation and whether the Bikinians could have hazard-free use of the resources of the atoll and its adjacent water areas." In compliance with the request to the Divisions of Biology and Medicine and Operational Safety, as referred to in your letter of December 20, 1966, to Secretary Udall (copy attached), the Bikini Atoll was resurveyed in April-May 1967.

Attached is a report entitled "Meeting to Discuss Return of Natives to the Bikini Atoll." Perusal of this report will reveal that interested groups in the Atomic Energy Commission and in the Department of the Interior have taken steps which will lead to the development of a recommendation regarding the feasibility, from the standpoint of the radiation situation, of the return of the natives to the Bikini Atoll.

The Division of Biology and Medicine, the Division of Operational Safety, and representatives from the Department of the Interior, are now organizing a meeting to be held May 13-15 or 16, 1968, in which the members of the team which resurveyed the Bikini Atoll, together with a group of expert consultants, will review the findings and implications of the radiation measurements and analytical data which grew out of the survey. This group will be asked to prepare a recommendation to the Commission.

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When the Commission has formed its opinion regarding the feasibility of resettlement, from a radiological health standpoint, an appropriate response could be made to the letter of December 7, 1966, from the Secretary of the Interior.

As a further attachment there is a letter which we propose might be sent to the Secretary of the Interior to acquaint him with current activities.

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Division of Biology and Medicine

Attachments:

1. Cy ltr dtd 12/7/66
2. Cy ltr dtd 12/20/66
3. Report
4. Proposed reply - *12/23/68*

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