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FOR MIKE SHOT

Only those persons whose presence is an operational necessity after Mike Shot will be retained in the Eniwetok Area during the ship-board evacuation and re-entry.

You are requested to review your personnel roster carefully and plan to release as many persons as possible by M-5 or earlier. The following principles should be kept in mind:

- 1. All persons who are required only for the installation and testing of equipment for the Mike Test should be released. Retain only those needed for data recovery and for King Shot.
- 2. Persons who must be kept available in case of breakdown or other difficulties arising out of postponement, weather, King installation damage, etc., but who need not be immediately available, should be sent to Honolulu to stand by until it is determined that they may proceed to the ZI. If necessary for them to return to Eniwetok, transportation will be provided with whatever priority is required. This Headquarters is investigating the possibility A of obtaining quarters for stand-by personnel in Honolulu, and information on the number of billets needed should be submitted as soon as possible.
- The shipboard evacuation period will be crowded and incomfortable. Most persons will be quartered in troop space on board a military transport vessel. BEST AVAILABLE COPY

After rosters have been reviewed as suggested above this Headquarters should be advised:

1. The names of persons who must be retained at Eniwetok through CONTROL NO. Q the evacuation.

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- 2. The names of persons who will be sent to Honolulu on a standby basis during the Mike Test and their approximate departure dates with reference to M-Day.
- 3. The names of persons to be released and the approximate date with reference to M-Day that each person will depart Eniwetok to return to his home station.

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