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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Memorandum for Information

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THE BIOLOGICAL RESURVEY OF BIKINI AND SURVEY OF ENiwETOK Atolls

Report by the Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine

Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Donnell:

BACKGROUND

1. Dr. Laurence E. Donaldson, Director of the Applied Fisheries Laboratory, University of Washington, Seattle, has completed the biological survey of Bikini and survey of Eniwetok Atolls concerning which the Commission was informed by Info-News 48-90 dated July 13, 1948.

2. The Donaldson expedition was carried out under a contract with the Hanford Directed Operations Office with general direction coming from the Washington Office of the Division of Biology and Medicine. The Navy Department provided forward area support including the assignment of a Naval officer in a liaison capacity accompanying the expedition, and surface craft, transportation, housing and other assistance. The Navy Department has been advised of the satisfactory completion of the expedition and their assistance has been acknowledged. (See Appendix "A").

3. A preliminary report from Dr. Donaldson is attached as Appendix "B". Dr. J. H. Jensen, Chief, of the Biology Branch of the Division of Biology and Medicine will review and assist in directing the follow-up laboratory work into areas of most interest to the Commission.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

4. That the Atomic Energy Commission:

a. Approve the release of information to the press regarding this expedition.

b. Note that the Office of Technical and Public Information should prepare a Joint-Press Release in cooperation with the Navy Department Information Office.

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