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SUBJECT: MARSHALL ISLANDS RESEARCH VESSEL

CONFIRMING MY FONECON OF JULY 21. ENROUTE TO THE MARSHALLS

I HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE MAY BE ONE OR MORE OPPORTUNITIES

DURING THE NEXT MONTH OR SO TO OBTAIN LOW COST TRANSPORTATION

TO BRING THE YFU, OUR CANDIDATE REPLACEMENT VESSEL, FROM GUAM

TO HAWAII. WE ESTIMATE THIS COULD SAVE \$60K OR MORE AND WOULD

FACILITATE REHAB AND FITTING OUT.

REQUIRED WOULD BE ASEV APPROVAL TO PROCEED WHICH, FOR AT LEAST

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ONE OF THE OPTIONS, WOULD BE NEEDED BY 30 JULY. ALTHOUGH FUNDS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY (WE CAN COVER TRANSPORTATION COSTS), ASEV APPROVAL WOULD CONSTITUTE A COMMITMENT TO FUND THE ONE-TIME FITTING OUT AND OPERATING COSTS AS ESTIMATED IN RECENT MEMO GATES TO LIVERMAN SAME SUBJECT.

YOU ARE CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE URGENT NEED OF EV PROGRAMS FOR EARLY RESTORATION OF OUR SHIP SUPPORT CAPABILITY. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY AT HAND AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU OBTAIN ASEV GUIDANCE IN THIS MATTER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. CONTACT IN NEVADA RAY D. DUNCAN, ASST MGR FOR ADMINISTRATION; IN HONOLULU WM. J. STANLEY, DIRECTOR PASO. PLEASE INFO ME AT ENEWETAK.

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