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SUBJECT: FALLOUT SURVIVORS ACT

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1. TO HIGH COMMISSIONER WINKEL. HAVE NOTICED IN MNS NEWS  
 RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 24 THAT SENATE PASSED AND SENT TO HOUSE  
 A BILL PRESUMABLY SB 7-109 PROVIDING FOR A TT FALLOUT SUR-

VIVORS ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER  
 BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS EX-  
 POSED TO THE MARCH 1954 H-BOMB FALLOUT AND TO PROVIDE FOR  
 MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER BENEFITS TO DESCENDANTS OF EXPOSED  
 PERSONS AND CONTROL PERSONS NOW LIVING ON THESE ATOLLS. CAN  
 YOU SUPPLY COPY OF BILL SOONEST. WE DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE  
 COPIES OF ANY PROPOSED SENATE BILLS BELOW THE NUMBER OF 126  
 IN THE COM MATERIAL SENT US THUS FAR. SHOULD THIS BILL PASS  
 THE HOUSE AND IF CONTAINS ANY REFERENCE TO BINDING ACTION ON  
 ANY FEDERAL AGENCY, I. E., DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WE WOULD NEED  
 TO HAVE IT CONSIDERED AT FEDERAL LEVEL. P. L. 5-52 OF 1973  
 WAS APPROVED VERY RELUCTANTLY AND HAS PROVED ALMOST IMPOS-  
 SIBLE TO ADMINISTER PROPERLY. OUR UNDERSTANDING ALSO THAT

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO COM AT TIME P. L. 5-52 WAS APPROVED  
 THAT APPROVAL WAS RELUCTANT NOT THAT U. S. WAS AGAINST  
 PRINCIPLES INVOLVED BUT THAT COM COULD NOT MANDATE BY  
 LEGISLATION MANDATORY ACTION BY U. S. FEDERAL AGENCIES.  
 SINCE THAT TIME IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT THAT ANY FUTURE  
 AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE IN FORM OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION  
 WHICH WOULD PROPERLY PERMIT FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CONSIDER  
 FEASIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS. MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE, DIREC-  
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