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Attached is revised page 2 of enclosure transmitted to you by my note of August 23, 1977, subject, "Marshall Island Assignments." This revision reflects change made in item #2 under Accountabilities which should read, "T. McCraw, OES, in cooperation with W. W. Burr, BER," (instead of B. Wachholz, EOEP).

  
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Enclosure:  
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4. Conduct a socioeconomic impact study to include considerations of relocation of natives and alternate handling and use of coconut crops.
5. Leave people on Bikini Island for an additional year, if necessary, during which time a reassessment will be made on the potential radiological and social impacts of alternatives in settlement and relocation (e.g. to Enui).
6. Discuss situation with EPA.

Accountabilities:

1. OES will take the lead in cooperation with BER in preparing a letter for J. L. Liverman's signature to DOI by August 15 which will discuss the above conclusions and recommendations and their rationale.
2. T. McCraw, OES, in cooperation with W. W. Burr, BER, will contact EPA (Rowe) and arrange a briefing.

III. Enewetak Cleanup

Conclusions:

1. Funds in AES are inadequate to fulfill obligations.
2. Soil cleanup criteria are questioned by NVO and by some of the scientists in attendance at a Marshall Island workshop (June 27-29, 1977, at LLL).
3. Proposed disposal scheme for contaminated soil and miscellaneous debris is questioned as in 2 above.
4. Management of AES programs in the Marshall Islands should be improved.
5. Existing MOU between ERDA (Liverman) and DNA (Johnson) does not reflect the present arrangements for radiation monitoring.
6. ERDA is expected to certify the adequacy of cleanup.

