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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: EV-21

SUBJECT: COST PROJECTIONS FOR DOE PROGRAMS IN THE PACIFIC

TO: Walt Weyzen, OHER
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On June 21 a letter was sent from Ruth Clusen to Richard Stone re above subject, together with an enclosure which described the expected programs and projected costs through 1983 (see attached).

At a July 16 meeting at OMB, DOJ, DOD, DOI and OMSN, DOE was asked to reassess these costs and to project them to 1986, both for the medical treatment program and for the monitoring and assessment program.

These projections should address:

A. For the medical program (Weyzen):

1. Including the populations of additional atolls as warranted by radiological findings or by political necessities (Likiep, Wotje, Mejit, Ailuk, Jemo).
2. Expected costs as the population ages.
3. Current levels of care should be the guiding criteria.

B. For monitoring and assessment (Deal):

1. Do current projections include periodic monitoring of all atolls (i.e., those above plus Rongelap, Utirik, Bikini, Enewetak)?
2. How frequently should such monitoring be conducted, what is the expected cost, and in which years?
3. How frequently will dose assessments be required, in which years, and at what costs?
4. The above should be included in cost projections in the 1981-86 time period.
5. It would be expected that any OHER environmental costs (i.e., LLL, MPML) will be included in these cost estimates.

OMB is not interested in a straight inflation factor using our previously submitted costs as a base. They do wish to make sure that U.S. responsibilities are included in the cost estimates. They wish the following

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sentence to be completed for the medical and for the monitoring programs: "The recommended program is estimated to cost from \$_____ per year in 1981 to \$_____ per year in 1986."

I know that such projections are uncertain and are very difficult to predict. Nevertheless, these estimates are for presentation to the President and so must represent our best estimate for all anticipated program requirements.

A draft of the projected costs, together with a cost breakdown to the extent possible would be appreciated by COB July 25, 1979.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions re this matter.

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