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SUBJECT RONGELAP/UTIRIK CITIZENS MEETING AT EBEYE W/DOE
RONGELAP AND UTERIL PEOPLE LIVING ON EBEYE HAD BEEN ASKING DR. HUGH
PRATT, RNL, MANY QUESTIONS THIS PAST WEEK CONCERNING DOE POLICY AND
THE LACK OF PAYMENTS OF PER DIEM UNDER TTPI PL-5-52. DR. PRATT
FELT THAT A DOE REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND AFTER
CHECKING WITH ME, SET UP A MEETING IN WHICH HE, SCOTT STEGE, TTPI
LNO, KWAJALEIN AND I PARTICIPATED. MEETING ON EBEYE JANUARY 29 WAS
HELD IN THE HOSPITAL AND LASTED FROM 7 PM UNTIL ALMOST MIDNIGHT.
QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS GENERALLY WERE DIRECTED AT WHY PER DIEM PAYMENTS
NOT MADE TO MANY PEOPLE, WHY CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION FOR
PEOPLE WITH THYROID ABNORMALITIES AND FOR OTHERS FROM RONGELAP AND
UTIRIK WHO ARE HEIRS OF DECEASED PERSONS HAVE NOT RECEIVED PAYMENT
UNDER THE RECENT US COMPENSATION ACT; AND OTHER GENERAL QUESTIONS
SURROUNDING TTPI PL'S 5-52, 7-116 AND DOE/TTPI AGREEMENTS. THESE

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO MY TRIP REPORT.
ONE QUESTION CONCERNED A PERSON WHO LIVES ON EBEYE BUT EATS FOOD FROM
HIS HOMELAND (RONGELAP) WHICH IS REGULARLY SENT TO HIM. HE WANTED
TO KNOW IF HE WAS BEING HARMED. THIS PROVIDED AN ENTREE TO EXPLAIN
THAT THE RECENT RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY, WHICH WAS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE
OF ITS KIND TO MY KNOWLEDGE, WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD
ANSWER THESE KINDS OF QUESTIONS. INFORMED GROUP THAT DOE WAS COMMITTED
TO GIVING HIGH PRIORITY FOR RONGELAP AND UTERIL TO ISSUING A PRELIMINARY
REPORT TO THEM THIS FALL WHICH WOULD BE A DOES ASSESSMENT. THIS WOULD BE
TRANSLATED INTO MARSHALLESE. IN ADDITION, DOE WOULD PROVIDE SOME
WRITTEN MATERIAL PROVIDING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ON DIET AT A LATER
DATE. IN THE MEANTIME, THERE ARE NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS FOR UTERIL AND

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REMARKS: <i>Conway - Here's an example of the kind of hairy things Harry handles (forgot me). This is the reason we need to get that contract between TTPI and DOE out of HQ so we can handle matters like this legitimately.</i>				

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THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF RONGELAP. SUGGESTED THAT, AS STATED TO THE PEOPLE AT RONGELAP PRIOR TO WHEELING DEPARTURE, THE NORTHERN ISLANDS ARE OKAY TO VISIT BUT IT WOULD BE ADVISIBLE TO NOT GATHER FOOD FROM NORTH UNTIL LABORATORY WORK AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS IN FALL OF 1979. ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DR. PRATT MIGHT EXAMINE HIM TO ASSUAGE HIS WORRY. MEETING

OF COURSE, DID NOT PROVIDE ALL ANSWERS FOR ALL PEOPLE BUT GENERALLY

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WAS GOOD DIALOGUE ON A VERY SERIOUS AND EMOTIONAL ISSUE, AND AS SUCH WAS A PRODUCTIVE STEP TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING BOTH THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM AND WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN TO HELP.

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