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UNCLAS. PASS TO DEPT INTERIOR FOR OPU AND DASTA
FROM POLAD 20. STATE FOR IO/UMP AND SYPC, DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA
AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE (NSC). CONTWELVE FOR
AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. CINCPAC FOR POLAD.
SUBJECT: TYPI - ENIWETOK AND BIKINI ATOLLS
REF: POLAD 18 (HICHIERPACIS SAIPAN 211300Z JAN)
1. REFTEL REPORTED ARTICLES IN MICRONITOR AND MICRONESIA
STAR CONCERNING ENGAGEMENT GEO LEGAL SERVICES BY ENIWETOK PEOPLE,
AND LATTER'S INTENT RETURN TO THEIR ATOLL THIS YEAR.
2. JANUARY 22 EDITION GUAM PDN CARRIED SIMILAR STORY, BUT
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO BE NOTED PARA TWO REFTEL.

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3. SAME EDITION PDN ALSO FRONT-PAGED STORY, BY MIKE MALONE,
REPORTING THAT JAPANESE "MEDICAL TEAM" WHICH BRIEFLY VISITED
MAJURO IN DECEMBER, COMPLETED ABOUT A DOZEN MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS
OF RONGALAPESE LIVING ON MAJURO. (RONGALAPESE ARE DISPLACED
BIKINIANS WHO RECEIVED ACCIDENTAL FALLOUT DOSE DURING 1954 TEST.)
STORY STATES ONE MEMBER OF "MEDICAL TEAM," JURO IKEYAMA, HAS

WRITTEN TO CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS (WHO INITIATED INVITATION TO

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TEAM) TO EFFECT AT LEAST FIVE OF THOSE EXAMINED NEED URGENT
MEDICAL TREATMENT EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE AMONG PERSONS AEC DOCTORS
DESCRIBE AS BEING IN GOOD HEALTH. NOWHERE IN STORY IS PRESENT
ILLNESS THESE PEOPLE SPECIFICALLY ATTRIBUTED TO FALLOUT ACCIDENT,
BUT IKEYAMA LETTER, ACCORDING STORY, STATES "A-BOMB SUFFERERS
LOSE THEIR HEALTH MUCH EASIER THAN ORDINARY PEOPLE AND REQUIRE
CAREFUL MEDICAL TREATMENT." LETTER ALSO URGES STATIONING OF
DOCTORS AT RONGELAP, UTRIK AND MAJURO ATOLLS TO MONITOR HEALTH
OF FALLOUT VICTIMS AND ALSO STATES "I DARE SAY OBJECT OF AEC
INVESTIGATION TEAM DOES NOT PUT ITS FOCUS ON CURING SUFFERERS
BUT ONLY ON COLLECTING DATA FOR THEIR EXPERIMENT." DORRANCE

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