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UNCLAS PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA
FROM POLAD 35. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR
WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE
(NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.
SUBJENT: TTPI - CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
REF: POLAD 34

1. REFTTEL REPORTED REP BATOS' STATEMENT
ON JANUARY 25 CONCERNING RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS AND JAPANESE
MEDICAL TEAM WHICH ATTEMPTED VISIT FALLOUT VICTIMS THOSE ATOLLS.
SAME DAY HE ALSO INTRODUCED H.B. 199. ALL REPEAT ALL MEMBERS HOUSE

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OF REPRESENTATIVES CO-SIGNED RESOLUTION WITH BALOS. BILL, IF ENA-
CTED, WOULD ESTABLISH A "SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS
CONCERNING RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS." IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH,
BILL STATES IT IS INTENT OF CONGRESS THAT PEOPLE IN QUESTION "SHOULD
RECEIVE BEST MEDICAL TREATMENT AVAIL AND THESE PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO
RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES THEY HAVE SUFFERED."

2. SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE THREE MEMBERS FROM CONGRESS
TO BE APPOINTED PRIOR MARCH 25 WHO "SHALL INVESTIGATE RESULTS OF
IRRADIATION ON PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS, SHALL ATTEMPT

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SECURE ANY AND ALL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND AID FOR THEM FROM WHATEVER SOURCES POSSIBLE, AND SHALL ATTEMPT OBTAIN COMPENSATION FOR PEOPLE FOR INJURIES WHICH THEY SUFFERED DUE TO EXPOSURE TO IRRADIATION. SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE POWER TO CONDUCT HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS, ISSUE SUBPOENAS REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES AND PRODUCTION OF BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER EVIDENCE AND BRING SUITS IN ANY COURT OF TTPI TO ENFORCE SUCH POWERS." PROVISION MADE IN BILL TO SUBMIT INTERIM REPORT BEFORE MAY 25, 1972 AND A FINAL REPORT TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS IN EARLY 1973.

3. COPY BILL BEING AIRMAILED TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND OSK. DORRANCE

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