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~~WORK TO CONTRACTORS (SEE YOUR EMPLOYER'S MANUAL AT WASHINGTON) BUT MOST~~  
~~GENERALLY ON THE TOPIC OF MEDICAL REFERRALS OF ALL TYPES~~  
~~PERFORMED BY PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT AT THE STAG TO PROJECT CONTRACTORS.~~  
~~(1) AGREEMENT NO. HD1142-77157-152 BETWEEN TIRI AND SCOR, EXECUTED ON~~  
~~SEP 15, 1977, PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT SERVICES.~~  
~~ITEM 11, MEDICAL, AT PG. 7, DISCLOSES EMERGENCY MEDICAL~~  
~~EVACUATION. THE AGREEMENT STIPULATES THAT IF SERVICES AT~~  
~~STAG AND SUPPORTED INADEQUATE BY THE HICOM REP, PATIENTS~~

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WILL BE MOVED TO ADEQUATE FACILITY ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS." (C) THE DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY OF ENWETAK'S MEDICAL FACILITY MUST, OF NECESSITY, BE DETERMINED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. THE HEALTH AID AT JARTAN IS AUTHORIZED, BY MARSHALL ISLANDS GOVERNMENT WITH MY CONCURRENCE, TO MAKE SUCH DETERMINATIONS WITH REGARD TO NON-CONTRACT ITRI PERSONNEL (IF JARTAN COMMUNITY PERSONNEL SUPPORTIVE STAFF ARE THEIR DEPENDENTS). THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIRTH REGION BEING UNDERDEVELOPED WITH VERY LIMITED MEDICAL AND LABORATORY FACILITIES IS CRITICAL AND THE PROPER SUBJECT OF JARTAN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS WHERE POSSIBLE. (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS A PATIENT IN YOUR CLINIC FOR SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL AT ENWETAK, HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS NECESSARY TO THE ITRI/ECMA AGREEMENT, AND TOOK INTO ACCOUNT YOUR ADVICE OF INABILITY TO TREAT/EVALUATE FURTHER AT ITRI/MARSHALLS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY. THE ULTIMATE DECISION TO TRANSFER THE PATIENT TO TRIPLE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER FROM KWAJALEIN BY THE MARSHALL ISLANDS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CHANGE THAT FACT. (A) CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS HAS REMAINED A BASIC DETERMINANT IN THE SUPPORT OF THE JOINT ENWETAK EFFORT. HOWEVER, ADVANCED PLANNING AND COORDINATION TO ANTICIPATE THE USE OF

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TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER RESOURCES HAS BEEN NO LESS IMPORTANT. THE DECISION TO AIR EVACUATE AT A TIME FULLY FOUR DAYS AFTER HOSPITALIZATION 2 DAYS AFTER YOUR ADVICE OF MOBILITY TO FURTHER TREAT/EVALUATE AND 1/2 HOUR AFTER SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME OF A MAG FLIGHT TO KWAJALEIN MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY, BUT CERTAINLY THE WAY IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WAS NOT. IN CONSIDERING THE PATIENT FIRST, AND THAT IS NOT DEBATABLE, WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER HOW A PATIENT FEELS WHEN PLACED ON A PLANE WITHOUT PREPARATION NOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO MUCH AS PACK A BAG, FINE A PASSPORT OR TAKE SOME SPENDING MONEY. (E) I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT ENSURE THIS SORT OF THING DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. SCOTT M. STEFF SENDS  
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