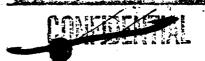
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Attached correspondence is forwarded for information and comment.

I anticipate that formal return of Bikini will be deferred until the Cleanup work we have undertaken has been completed and AEC is satisfied that the Atoll is OK from the viewpoint of radiological safety -- subject of course to whatever limitations or restrictions may be necessary.

Any comment and recommendations concerning the suggestion posed by Mrs. Van Cleve in the 326 80 1 165 - NWB 165 second paragraph of the attached letter would

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be appreciated. Fairly wide distribution of this memo has been made to ensure that the tentative thinking on this subject is brought to the attention of DOD offices that may be concerned with future utilization of Bikini.

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