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UNCLAS/N O N W D/ SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS
 TASK GROUP. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS UPON
 YOUR JANUARY 11 DRAFT.

PAGE 100, MIDDLE PARAGRAPH; THE CONCEPT OF 'ACCEPTABLE RISK'
 IS AN UNDERSTANDABLE ONE WHEN WE SPEAK OF CHOICE FOR ASSUMED
 OR ANTICIPATED BENEFIT. THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK, HOWEVER,
 PRESENT A SPECIAL CASE - A PEOPLE WHO ARE TO BE OFFERED SOME
 CHOICES PERTAINING TO THE RESUMPTION OF A WAY OF LIFE WHICH
 WAS INTERRUPTED FOR REASONS NOT VERY COMPREHENSIBLE TO THEM.
 WHETHER OR NOT 'MAN' WISHES TO DISPENSE WITH ACTIVITIES INVOLV-
 ING EXPOSURE TO IONIZING RADIATION, THESE PEOPLE - AN INFINE-
 TESIMAL SEGMENT OF 'MAN' - HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED ENORMOUSLY
 IN BEHALF OF 'MAN'. OUR ONLY BASIS FOR ASKING THEM TO ACCEPT
 ANY RISK IS THAT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO REDUCE IT OR, FOR
 ECONOMIC OR OTHER REASONS, ARE UNWILLING TO DO SO.

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PAGE 122, BOTTOM PARAGRAPH; I WOULD ARGUE THAT SELECTING
 SITES FOR THE PLANTING OF FOOD SOURCES AND FOR DRILLING WELLS
 IS - EFFECTIVELY, AT LEAST - AN ADVISORY ACTION. WE DO NOT
 THEREBY DENY PLANTING OR DRILLING OTHER LOCATIONS. WE MAY
 ENCOURAGE CONSUMPTION OF THE 'GOOD' AND REJECTION OF THE
 'BAD', BUT AS POPULATION PRESSURES DEVELOP AND OTHER NATURAL
 OCCURENCES MODIFY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE POPULATION TO ITS
 ENVIRONMENT, OUR SO-CALLED ENGINEERING ACTIONS MAY NO LONGER
 BE EFFECTIVE.

PAGE 123, FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH; I QUESTION WHETHER THE 'U.S.
 PARTIES' HAVE THE OPTION OF DEFERRING REHABILITATION OF THE
 ATOLL. WE ARE COMMITTED - MORALLY AND PROBABLY LEGALLY -
 TO EARLY REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT.

PAGE 123, SECOND PARAGRAPH; COST IN DOLLARS IS A CONCEPT WE
 HAD BEST BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT. THE DOLLARS ARE U.S. DOLLARS.
 THEY REPRESENT A DEMAND ON GOODS AND SERVICES WHICH ARE AT THE
 COMMAND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THUS, WHEN
 WE TALK OF DOLLAR COST WE ARE TALKING SIMPLY OF THE ORDERING
 OF PRIORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES. FROM THAT STANDPOINT AND
 FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK IT IS UNLIKELY

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THAT ANYTHING TRANSCENDS IN IMPORTANCE THE EARLY AND SAFE RE-
 SETTLEMENT OF THEIR ATOLL.

PAGE 141, RECOMMENDATION 9.C; AGAIN I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE
 CAREFUL IN OUR REFERENCE TO COST FACTORS AS NOTED ON PAGE 123.

PAGE 141, RECOMMENDATION 11; RATHER THAN RECOMMEND OR COMMIT
 OURSELVES TO A BASE LINE SURVEY PRIOR TO RETURN OF THE PEOPLE
 OF ENEWETAK, I THINK WE SHOULD PLAN FOR THE SURVEY 'AT THE TIME
 OF RETURN'. THIS IS PURELY FOR CONVENIENCE OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
 IN VIEW OF THE VERY CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN MOUNTING ANY
 EXPEDITIONARY EFFORT AT NUHLANG.

PAGE 142, RECOMMENDATION 12; I PERSONALLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
 WE SHOULD FORECLOSE THE OPTION OF ON-ATOLL ENGINEERED STORAGE
 OF PLUTONIUM CONTAMINATED SOIL.

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