

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS Office of the District Administrator,
Marshalls

TO : District Administrator, Marshalls
Thru : District Director Public Affairs
: Community Development Officer

DATE: November 1, 1972

FROM : Community Development Advisor

SUBJECT : Special Assignment of Community Development Advisor on Enewetak

I proceeded to Enewetak via Honolulu on October 11, 1972 in accordance with Deputy High Commissioner's request in response to requests for my services from the Atomic Energy Commission.

While in Honolulu a brief visit was made with Dr. Philip Helfrich at the Institute of Marine Biology of the University of Hawaii on Coconut Island, Kaneohe. Mr. Roger Ray, Assistant Manager for Operations, U.S.A.E.C. from Las Vegas, Nevada, Dr. Walter Nervik, Technical Director from the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, and Mr. William Streenan, Acting Manager of the Honolulu A.E.C. Office had requested the meeting. They outlined their survey program and their plans and needs to Dr. Helfrich who is in charge of the marine laboratory on Enewetak.

I departed Enewetak Island on a small craft at 0830 on 10/15/72 to make a sight survey of the other islands of the atoll. I accompanied Dr. Nervik, Mr. Ray, Mr. Alan Futral, DNA (DOD) representative from Washington, D.C. and two technicians, and Mr. Earl Gilmore, Holmes and Narver Company representative from Las Vegas, Nevada.

The purpose of the trip was to make a brief, preliminary sight survey in order to estimate the scope and duration of the radiological survey and the cleanup operation. My opinion was asked regarding probably living patterns and patterns and extent of utilization of the natural resources by the returning Enewetak people. I was also asked about the probable wishes of the people in regard retention of buildings, materials, and man made facilities.

I offered whatever information I felt pertinent but emphasized that this was my own opinion and was not official, nor representative of the Enewetak People. I emphasized that the AEC and other planners must meet with the people before any policy is made. The officials seemed to understand and agreed that this would be the policy. I also emphasized the need of constant liaison with and consultation with District Administrator Marshalls by the AEC and other officials who will be involved in the rehabilitation of Enewetak Atoll. The officials also concurred with this.

I will not go into details about the condition of the various islands. You visited them recently. The PACE program has apparently ceased temporarily in obedience to the local injunctions. The heavy equipment was being taken off of Runit while I was there and some of the personnel have been sent back to their original duty stations. Others have been assigned to support the radiological survey of Enewetak.

As you know, Jabtan Island (David) is in good condition. There ^{are} many coconut trees, some of which are bearing. The island is relatively free of useless debris. There are a number of buildings that can be refurbished at little cost and effort. With the addition of guttering and water catchment units a large

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