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PAGE 2 RHEGNV00029 UNCLASSIFIED/N O N W D/NARR ENYU AND BIKINI FROM THE ANALYSIS OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOIL SAMPLES ARE NOT ADEQUATE: (2) THE SHALLOW AREA OF THE OCEANSIDE REEFS OF BIKINI AND ENYU ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE AT LOW TIDE. THE PREVIOUS SURVEYS DONE ON FOOT WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY MEASUREMENTS ON THE REEFS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT ELEVATED RADIATION LEVELS ON THESE REEF AREAS, THE UNIQUE CAPABILITY OF THE AERIAL SURVEY EQUIPMENT WILL PERMIT US TO ASCERTAIN WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY REEF AREAS WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER ATTENTION: (3) EXPERIENCE AT ENEWETAK EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO CAREFULLY LOOK AT ALL ISLANDS. FOR EXAMPLE. THE AERIAL SURVEY LOCATED SOURCES OF RADIATION ON ISLANDS WHICH WERE HERETOFORE CONSIDERED RADIATION FREE. AT BIKINI ATOLL. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO INSURE THAT THE OTHER ISLANDS DO NOT CONTAIN RADIATION SOURCES WHICH WERE IN AN UNACCESSIBLE LOCATION FOR THE GROUND SURVEY TEAMS DUE TO HEAVY VEGETATION COVER. EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE WILL NOT LIVE ON THESE ISLANDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT THEY MAY SAFELY VISIT THEM FOR COLLECTION OF CERTAIN FOODS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: (4) FINALLY. IN CON-

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PAGE 3 RHEGNV00029 UNCLASSIFIED/N O N W D/NARR SIDERING THE LONG TERM FUTURE OF AN INHABITED BIKINI ATOLL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE USE OF OUR BEST AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES FOR OBSERVING CHANGES IN RADIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND COMPARING RATES OF CHANGE WITH RATES AT OTHER LOCATIONS WHICH WE HAVE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. BY THIS MEANS, UTILIZING STANDARD TECHNIQUES OF MEASURING AND RECORDING WE CAN CARRY KNOWLEDGE GAINED AT ONE LOCATION TO MANY OTHER LOCATIONS AND THUS MAY EXPECT TO MORE QUICKLY RELEASE FOR BENEFICIAL USE AREAS WHICH MUST NOW BE RESTRICTED. END COMMENTS. SUBJECT TO ANY MODIFICATIONS YOU MAY SUGGEST, I PROPOSE TO USE THESE WORDS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY ASSISTANCE TO ZEDER IN FORTHCOMING MARSHALL ISLANDS VISIT. THIS TEXT IS CON-SISTENT WITH EARLIER STATEMENTS AT KILL AND IN OFFICIAL

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