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SECOND MAJURO REPORT

ABOUT SIX HOURS CONVERSATION WITH MLSC ATTORNEY ALLEN LEAVES ME WITH SOME APPREHENSION ABOUT A KILI TRIP, BUT DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD. ALLEN, DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS A HEAVYWEIGHT TRIAL LAWYER, IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT LITIGATION WITH ERDA (OR SOME U. S. GOVT AGENCY) IS INEVITABLE. HE SEES HIS FIRST TASK AS ESTABLISHING HIMSELF WITH HIS CLIENTS AS THEIR ADVOCATE AND OUR ADVERSARY.

HIS PLAN SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO DISSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM US ON THE KILI TRIP, CLAIM CREDIT FOR FORCING US TO BE HERE, AND THEN CHALLENGE US PUBLICLY ON TECHNICAL ADEQUACY, INTENTIONS, TIMELINESS AND THE LIKE. HIS ALLY IN THIS WOULD BE CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS. ALLEN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ERDA SHOULD BE FUNDING HIS TRAVEL.

I HAVE TOLD ALLEN THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION WITH HIM. IF HE HAS QUESTIONS FOR US WE WILL ANSWER THEM TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY AND WILL REFER

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TO OTHERS THOSE WE CANNOT ANSWER. THE PURPOSE OF OUR VISIT, I HAVE STATED, IS TO SUPPORT DISTAD DEBRUM IN INFORMING THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI OF OUR CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE OF RADIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND TO PROVIDE ADVICE AS REQUESTED PERTAINING TO THEIR PLANS. OUR HOPE IS TO BUILD THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE AND OUR CREDIBILITY SO THAT WE CAN BECOME A CONSTRUCTING INFLUENCE IN THEIR PLANNING. IN THIS CONTEXT A CONTEST BETWEEN US CAN ONLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE MAY HAVE REACHED ALLEN, BUT ONLY THE KILI TRIP WILL TELL. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE HAD A CORDIAL RECEPTION FROM THE DISTAD, DIST. ATTORNEY, PLANNERS AND OTHERS.

JOE MURPHEY, EDITOR OF THE MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENT HAS ADDRESSED A SERIES OF GENERALLY GOOD QUESTIONS TO DISTAD DEBRUM WHO HAS REFERRED THEM TO US. WE PLAN TO ANSWER THESE AND FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND MAY END UP WITH FAIRLY GOOD COVERAGE IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER. MURPHY HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE AND IF GIVEN FACTS WILL PRINT THEM, I BELIEVE.

FINALLY THE NEW CLASS OF 31 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HERE ON MAJURO HAVE FOUND THE BIKINI SITUATION AN INTERESTING ONE FOR SPECULATION, RUMOR AND CONCERN (EXAMPLE 1: "THE PEOPLE ON BIKINI HAVE ALREADY HAD THEIR MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE

RADIATION DOSE"; EXAMPLE 2: "THE MEANING OF THE 30 YEAR INTEGRATED DOSE IS THAT IF YOU LIVE ON BIKINI FOR 30 YEARS YOU WILL BE DEAD;" EXAMPLE 3: NOTATION ON A TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR A BIKINI FAMILY TO TRAVEL WITH US TO KILI TODAY: "THESE PEOPLE WERE ENROUTE TO BIKINI TO RESETTLE THERE. HOWEVER, BIKINI HAS NOW BEEN CONDEMNED.") WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET WITH THEM EN MASSE HERE BEFORE WE DEPART AND HAVE AND OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

WE DEPART HIS AFTERNOON (MONDAY MIDNITE, WASHINGTON TIME) FOR KILI BY TRUST TERRITORY MOTOR VESSEL MILITOB. SHOULD BE BACK ON MAJURO THURSDAY AFTERNOON, WASHINGTON TIME, WHEN NEXT REPORT WILL BE FILED. ROGER RAY SENDS:

SEP 15 1975

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