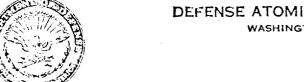
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8 MAY 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

SUBJECT: Funding Requirements for Cleanup of Bikini Atoll

1. References:

- a. Secretary of Interior letter for Secretary of Defense, dated 17 January 1969, subject: "Cleanup of Bikini Atoll."
- b. Deputy Secretary of Defense letter for Secretary of Interior, dated 4 February 1969, subject: "Funding for Cleanup of Bikini Atoll."
- c. Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission letter for Secretary of Interior, dated 3 February 1969, subject: "Funding for Cleanup of Bikini Atoll."
- d. Director, Defense Atomic Support Agency memorandum, dated 2 May 1969, subject: "Status Report, Cleanup of Bikini Atoll."
- 2. Reference a and other documentation note the total estimated funding requirement for the subject cleanup at \$1,300,000. As advised in references b and c, the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission each provided \$300,000 of that total to initiate the work, and reference a notes that the remaining \$700,000 is included in the Department of Interior FY 70 budget request. Reference d provides additional background, and reports progress through end April.
- 3. No basis for modifying the overall cost estimate of \$1,300,000 has been established, and that figure remains the Project Manager's estimate as of this date.
- 4. Billings thus far for the cleanup amount to \$409,000, including one-time start-up costs. It is estimated that by 30 June total billings

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plus unbilled cost will be \$585,000, with costs running about \$17,000 per week at that time. Unless the availability of the remaining \$700,000 by 1 July 1969 could be assured, it would be necessary to cease operations not later than 1 June and commence withdrawal of men and equipment, in order that residual present funding could support that process. This would add an estimated \$250,000 to the final cost of cleanup when later resumed.

- 5. To avoid costly interruption the Project Manager (Director, DASA) will advise the fiscal officers concerned, prior to 1 June, that funds for continuing cleanup operations beyond 30 June are expected through one of the following: The Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation, 1970; the Defense Appropriations Act, 1969; or the provisions of the expected annual Joint Congressional Continuing Resolution. The specific authority utilized would be dependent on the status of the passage of these measures by 30 June 1969.
- 6. It is recognized, of course, that enactment of the Appropriation Law for the Department of the Interior by 1 July 1969 would obviate the use of the alternatives identified in paragraph 5 above.
- 7. That part of paragraph 5 concerning use of the provisions of the "Joint Resolution" has been coordinated with appropriate Bureau of the Budget staff, who concur.

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