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FOLDER MEDICINE, HEALTH, & SAFETY 3-3 CONTAMINATION
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SUBJECT: DECONTAMINATION PROGRAM - SITE URSSLA

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Jones informs us that the decontamination program, Site Ursula, previously suggested by Mr. Chaline, has been well done and that cooperation has been good on the part of Holmes & Narver supervision and workmen, but that it is lagging.

Now that the campsite at Ursula has had its radiation reduced to a low radiation level, it is important that the level of the surrounding highly contaminated vegetated areas be reduced. Otherwise, we may find the camp being recontaminated due to material being blown or washed back. It is recommended that the above objective be achieved in the following manner:

1. Blade 3 to 6" of south side of island wherever it has not been previously scraped moving in a westerly direction. Extreme caution should be exercised in the removal of the hot, scraped material to prevent recontamination.
2. Repeat the above procedure on that area lying west and north of the camp area. Be sure in scraping that all windrows and other surface material are removed.
3. Remove all contaminated trash and piles of contaminated dirt from the camp area.
4. After the completion of the above, all remaining vegetated areas should be scraped.

The goal is to reduce the entire island to a general background of between 2 and 4 mr/hr. A rad-safe representative will be on hand each day to assist in the achievement of this work. In order that methods may be properly evaluated, it is important that the above instructions be followed to the word with no improvising and additions other than might be suggested by the rad-safe representative on location. The exact procedure used can thus be recorded and evaluated accordingly.

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Decommissioning Plan for Kita Myuria (Continued)

All contaminated materials should be disposed of directly into the currents at either end of the Islands where it must be carried from the lagoon away from my island.

As we previously agreed, this program has first priority at the present location and time. We probably concur in the fact that we may be able to present the problem to Mr. Spain with his approval.

Very truly yours,

H. H. LEWIS
AES Resident Engineer

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