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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT ROSTOW

SUBJECT: DOD Funding of Cleanup of Bikini Atoll

In response to your memorandum of January 7, 1969, I am pleased to advise that the Department of Defense will join with the Atomic Energy Commission in beginning the cleanup of Bikini Atoll.

I expect that work will commence in the final quarter of this fiscal year. The Department of Defense will provide \$300,000 for this purpose from the FY 1969 Defense Department Contingency Fund, to be matched by a like amount from the Atomic Energy Commission.

It is my understanding that the Department of Interior is requesting an appropriation from Congress for the balance of funds needed to complete the cleanup in FY 1970.

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