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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

SUBJECT: Funding Requirements for Cleanup of Bikini Atoll

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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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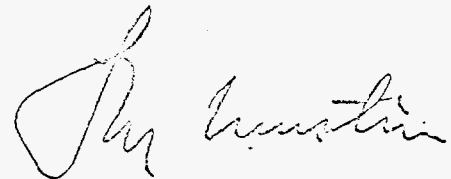
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plus unbilled cost will be \$585,000, with costs running about \$17,000 per week at that time. Unless the availability of the remaining \$700,000 by 1 July 1969 could be assured, it would be necessary to cease operations not later than 1 June and commence 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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