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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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TO: GENERAL MANAGER, AEC

FROM: Director of Biology and Medicine

SUBJECT: THE BIOLOGICAL RESURVEY OF BIKINI AND SURVEY OF
ENIWETOK ATOLLS

BACKGROUND

1. Dr. Lauren R. Donaldson, Director of the Applied Fisheries Laboratory, University of Washington, Seattle, has completed the biological resurvey of Bikini and survey of Eniwetok Atolls concerning which the Commission was informed by Info Memo 48-90 dated July 13, 1948.

2. The Donaldson expedition was carried out under a contract with the Hanford Directed Operations Office with general direction coming from the Washington Office of the Division of Biology and Medicine. The Navy Department provided forward area support including the assignment of a Naval officer in liaison capacity accompanying the expedition, and surface craft, transportation, housing and other assistance. The Navy Department has been advised of the satisfactory completion of the expedition and their assistance has been acknowledged. (See Appendix "B")

3. A preliminary report from Dr. Donaldson is attached as Appendix "A". Dr. J. H. Jensen, Chief, of the Biology Branch of the Division of Biology and Medicine will review and assist in directing the follow-up laboratory work into areas of most interest to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

4. That the General Manager:

a. Approve the release of information to the press regarding this expedition.

b. Note that the Office of Technical and Public Information should prepare a Joint Press Release in cooperation with the Navy Department Information Office and the information office of the Secretary of National Defense.