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ENIWETOK RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY

JANUARY 3-12, 1973

This report summarizes activities and results of the radiological survey in progress on Eniwetok Atoll for the period January 3-12, 1973.

The radiological survey party returned to the atoll on January 3 and spent that entire day unpacking, setting-up and preparing for resumption of the survey. The life support provided is satisfactory, but marginal, requiring each man to be frugal in his use of resources. All boats were operable when they returned, allowing survey operations to begin on January 4.

For the first three days, high waves, caused by strong winds, slowed boating and created considerable personal discomfort. However, no significant delays have been incurred, and the survey is proceeding smoothly.

The four soil sampling teams completed sampling (except profiles) on Alice, Belle, Irene, Kate, Lucy, Tilda, Vera, James, Keith, and David (Japtan). The latter is the only island which has had profile samples taken. Soil sampling on Elmer (Parry) is 25% complete.

The terrestrial biota group collected samples on Alice, Belle, Clara, Daisy, Edna, Kate, Lucy, Pearl, Ruby, an unnamed island between Ruby and Sally, Vera, Wilma, Vau, Alvin, Bruce, Clyde, David (Japtan), Rex, and Elmer (Parry).

On January 10, CDR Wolff attended a meeting in DNA which was called to discuss some of the interfaces between DOD and DOI regarding cleanup and rehabilitation. Included in the agenda were discussions on the following:

- (1) DOI partially supporting the DNA contract with H&N to provide rehabilitation-related estimates as well as cleanup-related estimates;
- (2) DOI funding a portion of the DOD EIS, since this will probably cover both cleanup and rehabilitation; and
- (3) A draft Air Force proposal that the atoll be returned to the TTPI "as soon as the AEC surveys confirm that (some of) the islands can safely sustain native habitation." This would be a few months earlier than the December 1973 commitment made by the High Commissioner and Ambassador to the Micronesian Status Negotiations.
- (4) The status of PACE and other U. S. Government activities after December 1973.

