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FM USAEC KWAJALEIN MI //R RAY //

TO RHWNEAA/USAEC LAS VAGAS NV //M E GATES MGR //

INFO RHEGAAA/USAEC GERMANTOWN MD //MGEN F CAMM DMA //

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SUBJ: EVACUATION FROM ENIWETOK

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~~Major Cotner~~  
~~Mr. Little~~

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*10/26*  
*File: Operation*  
*Rad Survey*

1. SEVERE WEATHER AHEAD OF TYPHOON ALGA REDUCED SURVEY PARTY ACTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 23 TO PROTECTION OF EQUIPMENT AND DATA AND SAMPLES ALREADY TAKEN.

2. ALTHOUGH EARLY IN THE DAY IT APPEARED WE MIGHT RIDE OUT THE STORM, BY MID-AFTERNOON CG SAMTEC HAD ORDERED PREPARATIONS FOR FULL EVACUATION. EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO SECURE CRITICAL EQUIPMENT IN BEST AVAILABLE SHELTER. FULL EVACUATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED JUST SHORT OF FULL DARKNESS AT 240730Z (MONDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M. LOCAL). INCLUDED IN EVACUATION WERE ALL PERISHABLE SAMPLES AND DETECTORS REQUIRING CRYOGENIC SUPPORT.

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3. EVACUATION WAS BY C-141 CARGO-CONFIGURED AIRCRAFT TO KWAJALEIN. ONE-HUNDRED THIRTEEN (113) PASSENGERS WERE SEATED STRAPPED TO CARGO PALLETS. ARRIVED KWAJALEIN 240900 (9:00 P.M. LOCAL). KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE HAS PROVIDED ALL REQUESTED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.

4. TYPHOON OLGA IS NOW EXPECTED TO PASS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ENIWETOK APPROX 242300Z (11:00 A.M. TUESDAY LOCAL) WITH 60 KT WINDS, 90 KT GUSTS.

5. SAMTEC IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR A FLYOVER RECONNAISSANCE AS SOON AFTER PASSAGE AS POSSIBLE. SHOULD IT SHOW A CLEAR USABLE RUNWAY WE WILL ATTEMPT TO USE SCHEDULED MAC SATURN OCTOBER 25 FOR GROUND RECON AND, IF POSSIBLE, REENTRY. SHOULD LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS BE INOPERATIVE WE WILL REMAIN ONLY BRIEFLY AND RETURN KWAJALEIN TO REGROUP.

6. AT LAST REPORT (240600Z) PALUMBO WAS DEPARTING ENIWETOK AREA SOUTHWARD TO WAIT OUT STORM PASSAGE.

7. OUT POST-RECONNAISSANCE MESSAGE WILL PROBABLY BE FILED NO EARLIER THAN 260600Z.

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