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C O N F I D E N T I A L
PASS TO DEPT. INTERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA
FROM POLAD 27C. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND
JCS. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. HOLDRIDGE
(NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.

SUBJECT: TTPI - ENIWETOK ATOLL
REF: A) POLAD 18 (HICOMTERPACIS 211608Z JAN)
B) POLAD 20 (HICOMTERPACIS 240410Z JAN)
1. REFTELS REPORTED STORIES IN TTPI NEWSPAPERS TO EFFECT ENIWETOK

PEOPLE INTEND RETURN THEIR ATOLL IN 1972, HAVE ENGAGED OEO LEGAL
SERVICES, AND PLAN MEET WITH DOD REPS IN MAJURO OR WASHINGTON IN
APRIL.
(ON LATTER POINT, ONLY COMMITMENT HERE IS DEPHICOM COLEMAN'S PROMISE
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MEET AGAIN WITH ENIWETOK LEADERS IN MAJURO IN APRIL TO BRING THEM UP
TO
DATE ON STATUS ATOLL.)
2. OEO LAWYER OLSON, WHO NOW REPRESENTING ENIWETOK PEOPLE,
DISCUSSED
MATTER WITH DEPHICOM AND SELF JANUARY 25. HE MADE CLEAR ENIWETOKIANS
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DETERMINED BRING MATTER TO HEAD, BUT MAINLY IN TERMS OF (A) GETTING REHABILITATION ATOLL STARTED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE (IT TAKES MINIMUM SIX TO NINE YEARS FOR A COCONUT PALM TO MATURE), AND (B) OBTAINING AT LEAST TENTATIVE BUT AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE DATE, OF RETURN OF ATOLL. IF THESE REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET AT EARLY DATE, THAT IS ASSURANCES ON REHABILITATION AND A TENTATIVE RETURN DATE, OLSON CLAIMS ISLANDERS WILL BE SATISFIED. HE COMMENTS PRINCIPLE PROBLEM AGITATING ISLANDERS AND THEIR LEADERS IS SIMPLY UNCERTAINTY OF FUTURE OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR ATOLL. IN THIS CONNECTION, OLSON ALSO NOTES ISLANDERS DEEPLY UPSET OWING UNCERTAINTY AS TO CONDITION OF ATOLL (E. G. RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING AMONG THEM TO EFFECT SOME OF ATOLL ISLETS DISAPPEARED DURING BOMB TESTS). OLSON BELIEVES PRESENT ATMOSPHERE AND PRESSURES COULD BE EASED CONSIDERABLY IF SEVERAL LEADERS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO VISIT ATOLL AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES CURRENT CONDITIONS. (DEPHICOM COLEMAN WILL BE ATTEMPTING ARRANGE SUCH VISIT THROUGH DOD CHANNELS.)

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3. MEANWHILE, IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN MARSHALLESE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL BE BUILDING FIRES UNDER US THROUGH RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DEVICES IN CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL SESSION. THEY UNDOUBTEDLY WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IN THE CONGRESS FOR ANY SUCH MOVES.

4. IF REASON FOR DELAY IN GOING AHEAD ON REHABILITATION IS DUE TO ANY INTENT UTILIZE MATTER AS BARGAINING CHIP AT STATUS TALKS, THAT TACTIC IS VERY MUCH IN ERROR. CHIP IS OF MINISCULE VALUE RELATIVE IT WILL BUILDING UP AMONG MICRONESIANS (BUT PARTICULARLY AMONG KEY MARSHALLESE LEADERS) OVER WHAT APPEARS TO THEM AS BEING WHOLLY REASON-

ABLE AND MODERATE REQUESTS.

CONSEQUENTLY, URGE THAT ENIWETOKIAN REQUESTS, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, BE MET AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. IN THAT CONNECTION, OLSON POINTS OUT ENIWETOK LEADERS HAVE BEEN LED AROUND THE BUSH SO OFTEN THEY WISH RECEIVE INFORMATION FIRST HAND FROM AUTHORITATIVE U. S. GOVERNMENT SOURCE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT FRONTING UP WITH DOD REPS IN MAJURO OR WASHINGTON. DEPHICOM COLEMAN AND I THUS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE IF ASSURANCES EARLY REHABILITATION

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AND ULTIMATE RETURN OF ATOLL COULD BE GIVEN TO ENIWETOK LEADERS BY
AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, AMBASSADOR HUMMEL, OR CAPTAIN CROWE IN MAJURO
IN APRIL -- EN ROUTE TO OR FROM STATUS TALKS BEING HELD IN MICRONESIA

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THAT MONTH.

5. HICOM AND DEPHICOM WILL BE TAKING UP ABOVE MATTER WITH DASTA
CARPENTER DURING LATTER'S FORTHCOMING TTPI VISIT.

6. MESSAGE PREPARED JANUARY 25. DORRANCE

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