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REFERENCE YOUR TWX, SEPTEMBER 1, 1975, ADDRESSED TO J. L. LIVERMAN REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF POSITION PRESENTED AT LLL MEETING AUGUST 12 ON USE OF 40 HOUSES ALREADY CONSTRUCTED ON BIKINI ISLAND. THE DRAFT REPORT PRESENTED BY US AT THE MEETING CONTAINED SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO NEW HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION IN THE ATOLL AND TO USE OF THE EXISTING FORTY HOUSES ON BIKINI ISLAND. THERE WAS NO, REPEAT NO, RECOMMENDATION AGAINST IMMEDIATE USE OF THE EXISTING 40 HOUSES AND THERE WAS NO RECOMMENDATION FOR ANY DELAY IN OCCUPYING THESE

HOUSES. THIS IS STILL OUR POSITION. PARA. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY DOI OF A SIX-MONTH DELAY IN RETURN OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THE HOUSES ON BIKINI ISLAND CANNOT BE DRAWN FROM OUR RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST MEETING OR FROM ANY DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH THOSE ATTENDING. TO THE CONTRARY, OUR RECOMMENDATIONS STATE THAT EXISTING HOUSES ALONG THE LAGOON ROAD MAY BE OCCUPIED WITHIN PRESCRIBED GUIDELINES. THE ONLY DISCUSSION OF A SIX-MONTH PERIOD IS RELATED TO OUR ESTIMATE OF TIME NEEDED TO ANALYZE SAMPLES COLLECTED IN JUNE AND EVALUATE INTERNAL EXPOSURES THROUGH THE FOOD CHAIN AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON LOCALLY GROWN FOODS FOR USE BY THOSE LIVING ON BIKINI ISLAND. THIS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL NOT HAVE RELEVANCE TO LIVING IN THE HOUSES BUT RELATES TO OUR CONCERN FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS EXPECTED IN CERTAIN FOODS GROWN ON BIKINI ISLAND. PARA. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED DURING THE MEETING THAT IF HOUSES WERE NOT ALREADY BUILT ON BIKINI ISLAND, WOULD THIS BE RECOMMENDED? MY ANSWER WAS THAT GIVEN A CHOICE, BUILDING THE FIRST HOUSES ON ENEU WAS PREFERABLE, BUT I CONTINUED AND SAID THAT SINCE HOUSES ARE ALREADY BUILT ON BIKINI ISLAND, THEY SHOULD BE USED. IN OUR PRESENTATION OF EXTERNAL RADIATION DOSE ESTIMATES FOR THOSE LIVING IN HOUSES ALREADY CONSTRUCTED ON BIKINI ISLAND, WE SHOWED DOSE VALUES WELL WITHIN ANNUAL AND 30 YEAR STANDARDS.

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WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL RADIATION DOSE, WE CAUTIONED THAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE NEEDED ON USE OF CERTAIN LOCAL FOODS GROWN ON BIKINI ISLAND TO INSURE THAT THE SUM OF EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL RADIATION DOSES WOULD NOT EXCEED THE STANDARDS. THIS IS SHOWN IN OUR DRAFT REPORT. WHILE HOUSES ON ENEU ARE PREFERABLE, EXISTING HOUSES ON BIKINI ARE NOT, REPEAT NOT, UNACCEPTABLE. IT WILL BE SAFE TO LIVE IN HOUSES ALREADY BUILT ON BIKINI ISLAND PROVIDED THE RADIATION DOSE REDUCTION MEASURES WE HAVE RECOMMENDED ARE FOLLOWED. WE AGREE THERE HAS BEEN MISINTERPRETATION OF THE MATERIAL AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE AUGUST 12 MEETING. WE AGREE THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE IS SERVED BY FURTHER DELAY OF PEOPLE GOING BACK TO LIVE IN THE HOUSES ON BIKINI ISLAND. HOWEVER, THE DECISIONS ON RECOMMENDING A DELAY WAS MADE BY DOI AND ANNOUNCED BY THEIR PRESS RELEASE THAT WAS ISSUED ON AUGUST 23.

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