

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF MILITARY APPLICATION
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE DEFENSE ATOMIC SUPPORT AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON CLEANUP OF BIKINI ATOLL

From NMB-K

1. On August 12, 1968, the President requested that the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, and the Secretary of Defense work with the Secretary of the Interior and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory in planning a comprehensive resettlement program for Bikini Atoll and assist them in carrying it out.

2. The Department of Defense (DOD) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) have agreed to cooperate with the Department of the Interior in the cleanup of the Bikini Atoll for the return of the native population. The cleanup involves the removal of vegetative overgrowth, debris, structures and other materials residual from the use of the Atoll for atomic testing which could pose radiation or accident hazards to the population or interfere with their reasonable use of the land.

3. The DOD and the AEC have agreed to provide \$300,000 each in fiscal year 1969 for the cleanup. AEC funds not to exceed \$300,000 must be expended and the DOD funds must be obligated by June 30, 1969. The DOD-AEC funds (\$600,000) available in FY 1969 for cleanup will be made available by the AEC for DASA use to provide the Project Manager with financial resources to begin the task. Approximately half of this \$600,000 is attributable to the cost of eliminating radiological contamination. The existing DASA-AEC (JTF-8) procedures will be utilized by the Project Manager in providing funds from the aforementioned amount for payment of the contractor. The Project Manager will also utilize these funds to defray military TDY, travel, and other

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associated costs attributable to the tasks that are not covered under the AEC contract. It is expected that the above mentioned procedures will be followed in respect to the \$700,000 forthcoming in FY 1970 from the Department of the Interior.

4. The DOD will manage the cleanup utilizing the DASA including the JTF-8 and its existing organizational relationships with the AEC including contractor support. The JCS has designated the Director, DASA, to act as Project Manager and have provided him appropriate instructions.

5. The AEC contractor will provide planning, engineering and technical staff support and labor for cleanup as well as camp support operations and other tasks as determined by the Project Manager. Except for matters pertaining to contract administration, CJTF-8 will exercise operational control over the contractor. Contractor administration will be performed by the AEC Honolulu Area Office.

6. The AEC will be responsible for determining that radiological health and safety requirements are met at the completion of this project. These requirements, as developed in project plans, will be subject to AEC approval prior to the beginning of field operations. AEC will follow the progress made and keep interested agencies informed.

7. The handling and removal of contaminated scrap will be conducted so that exposures to personnel will be within the standards for workers established by the Federal Radiation Council. The contractor will use natives as feasible and as determined between the Project Manager and the trust territory representative. Native residents of the Pacific Trust Territory may not be employed in collecting and removing contaminated scrap material.

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8. Equipment or other assets available to the AEC and DOD may be used providing this arrangement is in the best interest of the U. S. Government. If mutually agreed between the providing party and the Project Manager, the equipments or other assets will be made available for the project at no cost.

9. The Bikini cleanup will not be permitted to significantly interfere with maintenance of the test readiness posture.

10. The Director, DASA, as Project Manager will act for the AEC in accordance with the provisions of this memorandum.

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