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ROGER RAY SENDS TO M.E. GATES INFO BOB TAFT; DOE HQ FOR DR. WEYZEN;
BNL FOR DR. PRATT.

SUBJ: MARSHALL ISLANDS RESEARCH VESSEL.

WE HAVE NOW NARROWED THE FIELD OF CONSIDERATION TO TWO VESSELS:

AN OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL IN SAN DIEGO AND A CONVERTED NET TENDER

IN ALASKA. IT APPEARS THAT EITHER ONE COULD SATISFY OUR PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS WITHIN FY 79 ANTICIPATED FUND LEVEL. HOWEVER NEITHER

SHIP CAN BE AVAILABLE AT KWAJALEIN IN TIME FOR OUR JANUARY

COMMITMENT UNLESS CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS ARE MADE BY NOV 15. IN

ORDER FOR H&N TO MAKE SUCH CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENT BY NOV 15 THEY

NEED IMMEDIATE AND UNEQUIVOCAL AUTHORITY TO PROCEED AND TIMELY

NV APPROVAL OF THE SUBCONTRACT ULTIMATELY NEGOTIATED.

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IN VIEW OF THE LONG LEAD TIME COMMITMENTS NECESSARILY BEING MADE

BY BNL (ESPECIALLY FOR FIRM SCHEDULES OF PHYSICIAN AVAILABILITY),
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PASO, AND IN TURN HOLMES AND HARVER, RECEIVE
EARLY AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED. I MUST STRESS THAT IN THE
TIME ALLOTTED THERE IS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO CHARTER
OPERATION AND THAT FOR A CHARTER OPERATOR TO BE WILLING TO RESPOND
WE MUST BE PREPARED TO OFFER A YEAR'S BUSINESS WITH SOME PROSPECT
OF RENEWAL. ASSUREDLY WE CANNOT PROCEED BEYOND THE PRESENT POINT
WITH INCREMENTAL OR CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION.

PLEASE KEEP ME ADVISED ABOARD THE WHEELING.

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