

OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
 THE UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
 AND
 THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
 REGARDING MEDICAL CARE OF THE RONGELAP AND UTIRIK PEOPLE

The United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), formerly AEC, has for more than 20 years conducted a program of medical surveillance of the people of Rongelap and Utirik that were exposed to fallout from a weapons test in 1954. In the course of this activity, and with the knowledge and consent of the Trust Territory of the Pacific (TTPI), the ERDA medical teams have provided limited medical care for all of the people of Rongelap and Utirik. The ERDA intends to continue this program provided this can be achieved with the consent of the TTPI and the people of Utirik and Rongelap.

The people of Utirik and Rongelap, independently have recently indicated a desire for changes in the type of medical care under the ERDA program. Specifically, they have requested that ERDA expands and improves medical care of all the people on their islands.

It is recognized by the U.S. (ERDA) that general medical care of the people of the Marshall Islands is a responsibility of the Administration of the TTPI. At the same time, it appears that the request for extended medical care under the ERDA program stems from a change in the perception on the part of the people of Utirik and Rongelap of the manner and extent to which past ERDA activities have affected their lives psychologically, socially, and economically. It appears, therefore, to be in the interest of both the TTPI and the U.S. (ERDA) to explore ways in which these perceived needs can best be met by both parties within framework of their respective responsibilities.

For the purpose of the discussion between the TTPI and the U.S. (ERDA) it is proposed that the U.S. (ERDA) is prepared to assist the TTPI in the discharge of its health care responsibilities to the people

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