

islands and access to these islands and certain foods produced thereon must be restricted.

2. Until qualified radiation monitors with proper equipment are available, scrap and other debris should be avoided. Movement of scrap which may be contaminated could spread contamination to the clean islands thus necessitating additional survey and cleanup.

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- 3. The plutonium contamination on YVONNE (Runit) poses a special case because of the nature of the contamination and its toxicity.
- 4. There is unexploded World War II ordnance on JANET (Enjebi).

If, on the other hand, the Department of the Interior believes there is a benefit to be gained by return to Japtan before cleanup, we would interpose no objection provided the Trust Territory can assure effective measures for:

- 1. Observing the quarantine on YVONNE (Runit).
- 2. Restricting access to all islands prior to cleanup with the exception of those southern islands from ALVIN through KEITH.
- 3. Prohibiting removal and transport of scrap material from any of the northern islands.

In our view, your request represents an extension of what we consider to be AEC's role in the original interagency effort, namely, to prepare recommendations on whether the radiological conditions were such that a safe return could be made and on radiological criteria for cleanup. Consequently, we believe you should obtain the views of DOD and EPA before you make a final decision on an early return of some of the people.

We will be pleased to provide any advice or information we may have pertaining to the radiological situation. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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