

DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT

Staff Radiological Medical Officer

TO CJTF

FROM J-3

DATE 20 May 53

COMMENT NO. 1

Via: ACofS, J-1 for comment

1. In the past, it has been the policy to provide on the Task Force Staff, a medical officer specifically trained in the radiology field and, if possible, with field experience on nuclear tests. This policy has been a profitable one in that it provided a qualified medical authority on the spot during the tests to help short-stop adverse radiation incidents before they reached absurd proportions or involved undue ricocheting through major commands outside the Task Force.

2. It is recommended that this policy be continued for CASTLE with the following limitations:

a. Officer selected should be assigned this duty on a TDY basis since his presence on the staff is required only during the actual shot period. Such interim planning services as become necessary could be handled on a correspondence or staff visit basis.

b. Officer selected could be assigned the additional duty of Task Force Staff Surgeon. Sufficient medical advice is available during the planning stage of the operation to obviate the actual presence of either a Staff Radiologist or a Staff Surgeon and since neither duty is considered a full time job, a TDY additional duty solution seems appropriate. Recent discussions with responsible medical personnel indicate no real objection to this additional duty proposal.

c. Officer selected should be field grade in order that an effective contribution is assured.

3. Attached herewith is a list indicating some of the known possible choices for this assignment. It is contemplated that, if approved, the final selection will be coordinated with the Task Force Scientific Deputy. It is proposed that, if approved, ACofS, J-1 secure nominations for this assignment.

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1 Incl:

Brief of Possible Candidates for
Task Force Staff Radiological
Medical Officer

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Cdr Harry S. Etter, 086307.

Served on GREENHOUSE and two of the Nevada Operations. Currently assigned to BuMed.

Cdr Eugene P. Cronkite, 168090.

Currently assigned National Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda.

AIR FORCE

(Note: The Air Force, having furnished a medical officer for IVY should not be approached. Further, Maj Lifton, USAF Surgeon General's Office, indicates the Air Force currently is hard pressed for medical personnel and would object to filling the bill.)

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