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TO: D. C. Van Dine

FROM: Edwin G. Bowen

OF 884

RE: PRIORITY TELETYPE 1685 - CONSTRUCTION CAMPS AT BIKINI

DATE 27 May 1953

Gen. Tape

Coray came in with a teletype requesting approval of a plan of operation for the scientific stations construction work at Bikini. You will note our answer to this priority wire, but I want to make a point of policy that arose on this matter in discussing it with Gilleran, East and Chenoweth.

Gilleran and East took the position that this work should be accomplished under a special contract feature, and that we would, therefore, be obliged to obtain AEC approval before proceeding, followed by a modification to the contract. In my opinion, this is dead wrong. This work is a part of the construction cost. The camps that are suggested are construction camps, not temporary camps for the purpose of housing technical personnel. Later, if it is desired by the client, these camps could be used for housing technical personnel — this is at the option of the Government. The cost of building a mole, blasting an entrance way through the coral, building a camp for the workers, and other costs of this nature are, in my opinion, a part of the construction cost of completing the scientific stations which have been authorized. Also, whether we build a mole or a slip, or erect a camp in a certain manner should be decided at our option. We are the constructors. We have been assigned to complete a piece of work at a certain location, and it should be assumed by the client that we know our business and will determine construction camp location and build the necessary construction facilities at a minimum of cost to accomplish the work assignment.

The general costs for this incidental requirement should be kept in a suspended, or general, account as designated by the Controller and later distributed to each scientific station on a basis of proration.

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