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ABSTRACT

In 1974 the Laboratory of Radiation Ecology began a program to determine the radionuclides found in foods, plants, animals, and soils of the Central Pacific. As part of this program the present study was undertaken to determine radionuclides found in the common foods and soils in areas of Micronesia other than those areas receiving local fallout from the test sites at Bikini or Enewetak atolls. Areas sampled in 1975 were Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands, Truk and Ponape in the Caroline Islands, Guam in the Marianas Islands and Koror and Babelthaup in the Palau Islands.

All samples were analyzed for gamma-emitting radionuclides while some were also analyzed for ^{90}Sr or $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$. Results of the analyses indicate that naturally occurring ^{40}K is the predominant radionuclide in the biological samples. Cesium-137 in amounts less than 1 pCi/g (dry) was the only fallout radionuclide detected in most of the biological samples. Soil samples usually contained ^{90}Sr , ^{137}Cs , ^{238}U and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$, while soil from Truk, Palau, and Ponape also contained isotopes of radium and thorium. Soil from Guam also contained ^{210}Pb and ^{235}U in addition to the above radionuclides. Considering only the fallout radionuclides, the values for ^{90}Sr , ^{137}Cs , and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ in samples from Guam, Palau, Truk, Ponape, and Majuro are less than the values for these radionuclides in similar samples from atolls such as Utirik, Rongerik, and Ailinginae in the northern Marshall Islands, and are much less than values of these radionuclides in samples from Bikini and Rongelap atolls.

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INTRODUCTION

From 1946 to 1962 atomic devices were detonated by the United States under water, over water, on land or in the atmosphere over the water of the central Pacific. France and Great Britain also conducted atmospheric nuclear tests in the Central and South Pacific which have released radioactivity to the environment of this area. Most of these tests took place at Bikini and Enewetak atolls in the Marshall islands and some at Johnston Island and Christmas Island further east. The distribution of radionuclides produced by the U. S. tests has been studied extensively, especially at Bikini and Enewetak atolls. The present study is part of a Laboratory of Radiation Ecology program begun in 1974 and described in a previous report (Nelson, 1977). The purpose of this study was to determine qualitatively and quantitatively, radionuclides presently found in common foods and soils in areas of Micronesia other than those areas receiving local fallout during the test periods. Areas sampled were Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands, Truk and Ponape in the Caroline Islands, Guam in the Marianas Islands and Koror and Babelthaup in the Palau Islands. Data from samples collected in these areas will provide a comparison with the amounts and kinds of radionuclides found in similar samples from Bikini and Enewetak atolls.

SAMPLING PROGRAM

The areas mentioned above were visited in November 1975. In Figure 1 these areas are shown in relationship to the test sites at Bikini and Enewetak atolls, while in Figures 2 and 3 the collection sites within these areas are shown. The trip was a joint survey with personnel from Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) who took radiation survey readings with sodium iodide (NaI) scintillation detectors and a pressurized ion chamber. The results of the survey readings will be given in a separate BNL report. Personnel from our

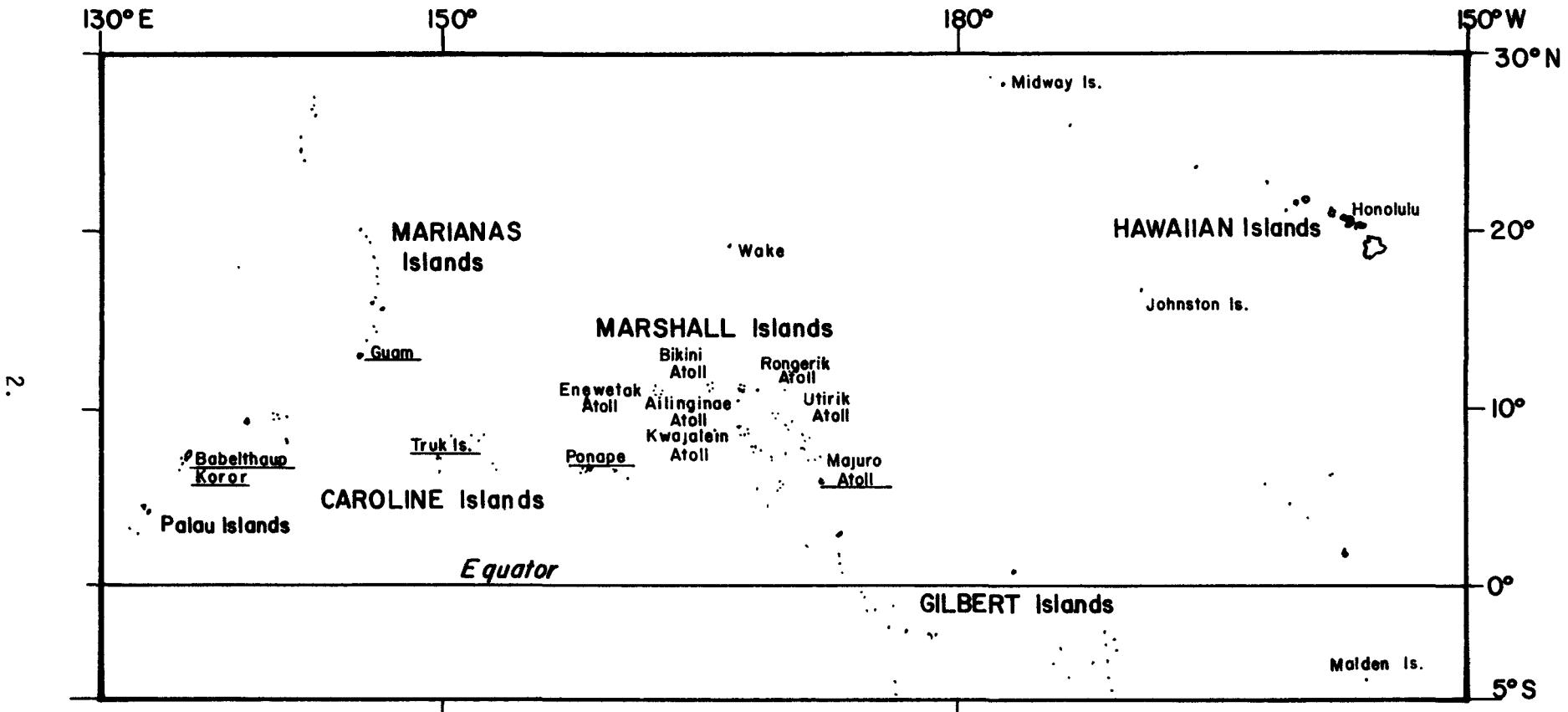
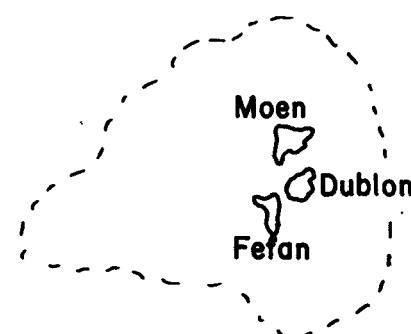


Figure 1. Sampling locations (underlined) in Micronesia, November 1975.

Ponape District



Truk Atoll



Guam Island



Palau Islands

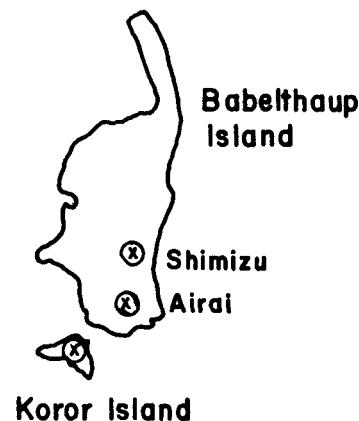
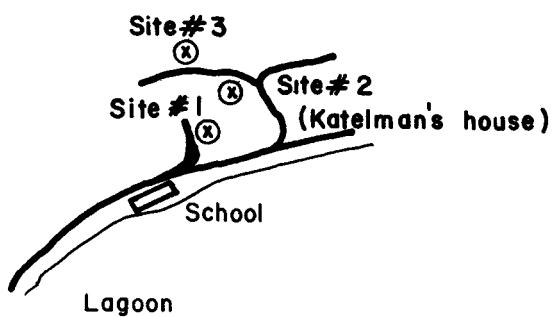
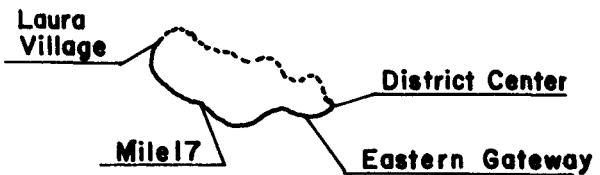
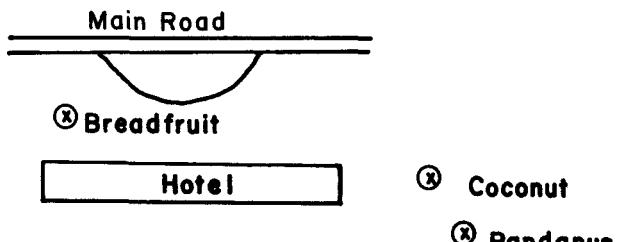


Figure 2. Locations sampled at Ponape, Truk, Guam and Palau in November 1975.

Majuro Atoll



Laura Site



Eastern Gateway Site

Figure 3. Locations sampled at Majuro Atoll in November 1975.

Laboratory collected representative biological and soil samples with emphasis on food items common to the diet of the Marshallese people (i.e., fish, coconut, pandanus, breadfruit, coconut crabs, etc.) although nonedible portions of these items were also collected and analyzed. Soils were collected to provide data for estimation of future distribution and quantities of radionuclides in the environment and biota.

The number of samples, after division into tissues or soil fractions, is shown in Table 1. Seventy percent of the samples were biological - plants, fish, and coconut crabs - and thirty percent were soils - surface (0-2.5cm) and profile (0-50+cm). Approximately equal numbers of samples came from each of five major collection areas.

ANALYTICAL METHODS

Gamma-Ray Spectrometry

All of the samples were analyzed by gamma-ray spectrometry, either with a 3" X 3" sodium iodide (thallium-drifted) crystal and 200-channel, pulse-height analyzers or with a germanium (lithium-drifted) diode detector and 4096-channel, pulse-height analyzer. Soil samples were analyzed on the Ge(Li) system, and the biological samples were analyzed on both systems.

All samples were oven-dried, ground and a portion compressed into sample holders of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe 2 inches in diameter and either 1/2 or 1" deep for radionuclide measurement. Fifty grams of tissue or 68 grams of soil could be compressed into the 2" X 1" holder. The densities of the biological and soil samples were 1.0 and 1.35, respectively. These samples were then analyzed for gamma-emitting radionuclides.

The gamma-emitting radionuclides in the samples counted on the NaI crystal were determined by a method of least squares. The radionuclides values for samples counted on the Ge(Li) detector were calculated either manually or with

Table 1. Disposition of Samples Collected on the November 1975 Trip to Micronesia.

| Sampling Location | Samples Processed ^a | | | Samples Analyzed | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Plants | Soil | Fish | γ | ^{90}Sr | $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ |
| Majuro | 29 | 12 | 8 | 47 | 26 | 18 |
| Ponape | 23 | 13 | 14 | 50 | 30 | 17 |
| Truk | 31 | 14 | 1 | 46 | 14 | 12 |
| Guam | 31 | 13 | 5 | 49 | 16 | 7 |
| Palau ^b | 25 | 15 | 3 | 43 | 23 | 13 |
| Total | 139 | 67 | 31 | 235 | 109 | 67 |

- a. The number given is the total after the samples have been divided into tissues or increments of soil depth.
- b. Three coconut crabs were also collected on an island south of Koror. The muscle, exoskeleton, and hepatopancreas from these crabs were pooled and analyzed for γ -emitting radionuclides plus ^{90}Sr and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$.

a computer by adding the counts in an energy range of five channels under a peak in the spectrum, subtracting the appropriate background counts, and applying correction factors to convert counts to picocuries (pCi). A set of previously reported reference spectra for the type of sample holder and radio-nuclide was used. All values were corrected for decay to the date of collection.

Strontium-90 and Plutonium Analyses

To measure ^{90}Sr content, ^{90}Y was chemically separated from ^{90}Sr , collected on a filter paper and counted with a low-level beta counting system. Plutonium was extracted by ion exchange, electroplated on platinum discs, and analyzed by alpha spectrometry with systems using surface barrier alpha detectors and pulse-height analyzers. Chemical yield was determined by use of ^{242}Pu as a tracer.

Error Limits

For a single sample, the errors given for all radionuclides listed are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors. The error term for the mean of more than one sample is one standard deviation and disregards counting error.

Limits of Detection

Many factors influence the limit of detection, including the type of detector and analyzer, the presence of other radionuclides, the duration of the counting period, the size and density of the sample, and the geometry relationship of the sample and detector. Hence, the limits of detection varied considerably for various radionuclides and types of samples, but can be summarized by stating that detection limits were approximately as follows:

By gamma detection

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| ^{40}K | 2.1 pCi/g or less |
| ^{238}U | 0.41 " " |
| ^{102}Rh , ^{125}Sb , ^{137}Cs , ^{210}Pb , ^{226}Ra , ^{228}Th , ^{232}Th | 0.12 pCi/g or less |

By beta detection

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| ^{90}Sr | 0.2 pCi/g or less |
|------------------|-------------------|

By alpha detection

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| $^{239},^{240}\text{Pu}$ | 0.02 pCi/g or less |
|--------------------------|--------------------|

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data are presented in Appendix Tables 1 through 11 for the results of the analyses of the samples collected by LRE in Micronesia in 1975. All data are given as picocuries per gram of dry weight (pCi/g, dry), except where expressly noted. Table 2 gives the mean wet weight to dry weight ratios for the biological samples. Thus the pCi/g, dry values may be converted to pCi/g, wet for purposes of computing dietary uptake of the measured radionuclides. Since there are greater differences in the radioactivity values between sample types than area of collection, other than soil, the results will be discussed by sample type.

Fish

Seven species of fish were collected from one or more of the five districts. Goatfish, mullet and parrotfish were the most common fish available and they were collected at three sites each. As shown in Appendix Table 1, naturally occurring ^{40}K was the only radionuclide measured in fish tissues at a concentration greater than 0.6 pCi/g, dry and the average value was 4.6 pCi/g, of dry tissue. Cesium-137 was detected in only 6 of 31 samples. The maximum concentration of ^{137}Cs measured was 0.59 pCi/g, dry in the viscera of goatfish from Ponape. Strontium-90 was detected in 1 of 15 tissue samples analyzed,

Table 2. Common Names and Wet Weight to Dry Weight Ratios of Some Micronesian Organisms.

| Species | Number of Samples | Tissue | Mean Wet/Dry Ratio | Deviation |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <u>FISH</u> | | | | |
| Mullet | (4) | Eviscerated Whole | 3.31 | $\pm .30$ |
| " | (4) | Viscera | 4.66 | $\pm .99$ |
| " | (1) | Entire | 3.55 | |
| Parrotfish | (2) | Muscle | 4.30 | $\pm .11$ |
| " | (2) | Viscera | 4.96 | $\pm .97$ |
| " | (2) | Remainder | 3.45 | $\pm .15$ |
| Goatfish | (6) | Eviscerated Whole | 3.57 | $\pm .15$ |
| " | (5) | Viscera | 4.31 | $\pm .82$ |
| Snapper | (1) | Viscera | 4.25 | |
| " | (1) | Eviscerated Whole | 3.76 | |
| Flagtail | (1) | Viscera | 3.72 | |
| " | (1) | Eviscerated Whole | 3.09 | |
| Convict Surgeon | (1) | Viscera | 5.94 | |
| " " | (1) | Eviscerated Whole | 3.53 | |
| Jack | (1) | Entire | 3.92 | |
| <u>PLANTS</u> | | | | |
| Breadfruit | (12) | Edible | 6.12 | ± 2.27 |
| " | (12) | Inedible | 6.24 | ± 1.48 |
| " | (13) | Leaves | 4.28 | $\pm .64$ |
| Pandanus | (12) | Edible | 7.28 | ± 1.43 |
| " | (13) | Inedible | 4.22 | $\pm .81$ |
| " | (16) | Leaves | 3.56 | $\pm .97$ |
| Coconut | (11) | Meat | 2.60 | $\pm .97$ |
| " | (13) | Leaves | 2.21 | $\pm .20$ |
| " | (2) | Copra | 1.12 | $\pm .02$ |
| Taro | (5) | Edible | 2.71 | $\pm .53$ |
| " | (2) | Leaves | 7.90 | $\pm .20$ |
| " | (2) | Stems | 14.70 | ± 1.56 |
| Papaya | (7) | Edible | 12.19 | ± 3.82 |
| " | (7) | Inedible | 10.49 | ± 2.44 |
| " | (7) | Seeds | 6.32 | ± 1.38 |
| Cassava | (1) | Root | 2.58 | |
| Banana | (1) | Edible | 5.17 | |

Table 2. (continued)

| Species | Number of Samples | Tissue | Mean Wet/Dry Ratio | Deviation |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| <u>INVERTEBRATES</u> | | | | |
| Coconut crab | (1) | Exoskelton | 1.53 | |
| " " | (1) | Hepatopancreas | 2.86 | |
| " " | (1) | Muscle | 4.90 | |

while $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ was not above the limits of detection in any of the eight samples analyzed.

The amount of ^{137}Cs in these fish was less than the amount measured (Nelson, 1977) in fish from Utirik, Rongerik, and Ailinginae atolls in the northern Marshall Islands which have low radiation levels, but which did receive some local fallout during the testing at Bikini and Enewetak atolls. The amount of ^{137}Cs in the few (6 of 31) fish samples which contained ^{137}Cs in quantities greater than our limits of detection was similar to ^{137}Cs concentrations in fish from Amchitka Island in the Aleutians (Nelson and Seymour, 1977), and in fish collected from Japanese coastal waters in 1974 and 1975 (NIRS, 1975).

The concentrations of ^{90}Sr and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ was near or below the limits of detection in fish samples from the three atolls noted above and in the fish samples analyzed for this report.

Coconut Crabs

Three coconut crabs from Palau were dissected and the tissues pooled for analysis. Results of these analyses are shown below in pCi/g, dry.

| Tissue | ^{40}K | ^{60}Co | ^{137}Cs | ^{90}Sr | $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Exoskeleton | 17.0 ± 11 | 2.2 ± 0.83 | 1.5 ± 0.09 | 1.7 ± 0.2 | <0.002 |
| Hepatopancreas | ns ^a | ns | 0.17 ± 0.09 | <0.25 | <0.004 |
| Muscle | 5.1 ± 1.1 | ns | 0.30 ± 0.09 | <0.23 | <0.004 |

a. ns = not significant.

The values for ^{90}Sr and ^{137}Cs in these crabs are less by a factor of ten than amounts in coconut crabs from Rongerik and Ailinginae atolls and are similar to amounts found in crabs from Kwajalein Atoll, which did not receive any appreciable local fallout from the testing at the Pacific Test Sites.

Plants

Four species of plants, pandanus, coconut, breadfruit and papaya, were collected from one to three sites within each of the five major collection locations. In addition bananas, taro and cassava were collected at a few sites. Results of the analysis of these samples are given in Appendix Tables 2 through 6.

Naturally occurring ^{40}K was the most abundant radionuclide measured in the plant samples. Of the fallout radionuclides only ^{137}Cs was detected in more than 50 percent of the samples. Most values of ^{137}Cs were less than 1 pCi/g, but a value of 18 pCi/g was measured in the edible portion of a pandanus fruit from Guam. The inedible portion of this fruit also had a high ^{137}Cs value, 16 pCi/g. If these high unexplained values of ^{137}Cs are excluded, the ^{137}Cs values in plants from Guam are similar to values in plants from Palau and Truk where the lowest values were measured. Ponape had slightly higher amounts of ^{137}Cs in the plants, while plants from Majuro had the highest average amount of ^{137}Cs . About 50 percent of the ^{137}Cs values in the plants from Majuro were above 1 pCi/g. Strontium-90 values in plants followed a similar pattern, while $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ values were above the limits of detection in one sample of copra from Majuro and in two samples of breadfruit from Ponape.

The values for ^{137}Cs and ^{90}Sr in plants from Guam, Palau, Ponape, and Truk were less than values for the same plants from the Marshall Islands, (Nelson, 1977) but were similar to values found in food plants from Japan (NIRS, 1976) and Washington State (Nelson and Seymour, 1975).

Soil

Surface (0-2.5 cm) soil samples and shallow soil profiles were collected from several sites in each district. Results of the analysis of these samples

are presented in Appendix Tables 7 through 11. Soil from the coralline atoll, Majuro, generally contained small (< 1 pCi/g) amounts of ^{90}Sr , ^{137}Cs , ^{238}U , and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$, while soils from the volcanic islands of Ponape, Truk, Guam, and Palau, in addition to these radionuclides, also contained naturally occurring isotopes of radium and thorium. The soil from Guam also contained ^{210}Pb and ^{235}U in addition to ^{137}Cs , ^{226}Ra , ^{232}Th , and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ (no analyses for ^{90}Sr were made on the soils from Guam). No major differences in the amount of ^{137}Cs , ^{90}Sr or $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ found in the soil samples were noted between the five districts.

Soil from the northern stations on Guam had much higher values of ^{210}Pb , ^{226}Ra , ^{232}Th and ^{235}U than did the soil samples from the other station on Guam or from the other districts. For instance, the ^{226}Ra values from these northern sites were two orders of magnitude higher than ^{226}Ra from other districts, while the ^{232}Th values were one order of magnitude higher. Lead-210 and ^{235}U were not detected in soils from any district other than Guam. The range of values for the radionuclides in the soils from Guam were as follows: ^{137}Cs (ns to 1), ^{210}Pb (ns to 22), ^{210}Ra (ns to 78), ^{232}Th (ns to 5) and ^{235}U (ns to 5.6).

Results of the analyses of the soil profiles indicated that the concentration of the fallout radionuclides ^{137}Cs and ^{90}Sr decreased with depth, while the concentration of the naturally occurring radionuclides remained relatively constant up to the depth of our deepest samples. Most of the ^{137}Cs and ^{90}Sr was present in the top 5 cm of the soil profiles.

Considering only the fallout radionuclides, the values for ^{90}Sr , ^{137}Cs and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ in soils from Palau, Guam, Truk, Ponape and Majuro are less than values for these radionuclides in soil from atolls in the northern Marshall Islands such as Utirik, Rongerik, and Ailinginae, and are much less than values for soils from Bikini and Rongelap atolls (Nelson, 1977).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study of radionuclides in plants, fish, and soil from five districts in Micronesia was one part of LRE's Pacific Radioecology Program. The general purpose of this part of the program is to determine the kinds and amounts of radionuclides in biological and environmental samples from the Central Pacific. The specific purpose of this study was to measure the radionuclides presently found in common foods and soil from areas of Micronesia which did not receive appreciable local fallout from the tests at Bikini and Enewetak atolls. Approximately 240 samples for this study were collected during November 1975, and 235 γ -spectrum, 109 strontium-90, and 67 plutonium-239,240 analyses were performed.

Results of the analyses indicate that naturally occurring ^{40}K is the predominant radionuclide in the biological samples. Cesium-137 was the only fallout radionuclide detected in most of the biological samples. Amounts of ^{137}Cs present in the biota were usually less than 1 pCi/g of dry tissue, although plants from Majuro had slightly greater amounts of ^{137}Cs than the plants from the other districts.

Soil samples from all districts usually contained less than 1 pCi/g of ^{90}Sr , ^{137}Cs , ^{238}U , and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$, while soil from Truk, Palau, and Ponape, also contained less than 2 pCi/g naturally occurring isotopes of radium and thorium. Soil from Guam contained the above fallout and naturally occurring radionuclides and in addition contained ^{210}Pb and ^{235}U . Amounts of the naturally occurring radionuclides in the Guam soils were much higher than amounts of fallout or naturally occurring radionuclides from the other districts.

Considering only the fallout radionuclides, the values for ^{90}Sr , ^{137}Cs , and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ in fish, plants and soils from Palau, Guam, Truk, Ponape, and Majuro are less than values for these radionuclides in similar samples from atolls such as Utirik, Rongerik and Ailinginae in the northern Marshall Islands,

and are much less than values of these radionuclides in samples from Bikini and Rongelap atolls.

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Appendix Table 1. Predominant Radionuclides in Fish Collected in Micronesia in November, 1975.

| Collection Site | Species | Tissue | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Majuro Atoll/Majuro I. | Mullet | Viscera | 2.9 ± 1.6 | ns ^c | na ^c | na |
| | " | Evisc. whole ^b | 4.3 ± 1.2 | ns | < 0.07 | na |
| | Goatfish | Viscera | 8.3 ± 4.7 | ns | < 0.9 | na |
| | " | Evisc. whole | 2.8 ± 0.9 | ns | < 0.19 | < 0.004 |
| | Snapper | Viscera | ns | ns | na | na |
| | " | Evisc. whole | 6.0 ± 1.2 | ns | na | na |
| | Flagtail | Viscera | 6.6 ± 2.0 | ns | na | na |
| Truk/Moen I. | Parrotfish | Evisc. whole | 6.6 ± 0.8 | ns | na | na |
| | Ponape/Kitti | Goatfish | 5.7 ± 2.4 | ns | < 0.2 | na |
| | | " | Evisc. whole | 2.4 ± 0.4 | ns | < 0.1 |
| | | " | Viscera | 16 ± 4.7 | 0.59 ± 0.30 | na |
| | | " | Evisc. whole | 4.7 ± 0.7 | 0.09 ± 0.04 | < 0.1 |
| | | " | Viscera | ns | ns | na |
| | | " | Evisc. whole | 2.5 ± 1.0 | ns | < 0.25 |
| " " " | Mullet | Entire | 4.6 ± 2.8 | ns | < 0.35 | < 0.007 |
| | " | Viscera | 5.8 ± 3.2 | ns | < 0.43 | na |
| | " | Evisc. whole | 2.8 ± 3.2 | ns | < 0.25 | < 0.002 |
| | Convict Surgeon | Viscera | 9.5 ± 2.6 | ns | < 0.43 | na |
| | | Evisc. whole | ns | ns | 0.05 ± .02 | < .04 |
| | Parrotfish | Muscle | 4.0 ± 1.2 | 0.07 ± 0.05 | na | < 0.03 |
| | | Viscera | 3.4 ± 2.3 | ns | < 0.9 | na |
| | | Remainder | 3.2 ± 1.7 | ns | na | na |

Table 1. (Continued)

| Collection Site | Species | Tissue | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|------------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Palau/Malakal I. | Jack | Entire | 8.3 ± 1.4 | 0.20 ± 0.9 | < 0.3 | < 0.004 |
| | Goatfish | Evisc. whole | 5.5 ± 0.1 | 0.06 ± 0.04 | < 0.23 | < 0.003 |
| | " | Evisc. whole | 3.3 ± 1.1 | 0.04 ± 0.03 | na | na |
| Guam | Parrotfish | Muscle | 4.5 ± 3.2 | ns | na | na |
| | " | Viscera | 14 ± 3.4 | ns | na | na |
| | " | Remainder | 2.4 ± 1.1 | ns | na | na |
| | Mullet | Viscera | 7.5 ± 5.3 | ns | na | na |
| " | " | Evisc. whole | 2.8 ± 2.1 | ns | na | na |

^a a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. Evisc. whole = eviscerated whole fish, e.g. the entire fish less the viscera.

c. ns = not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma propagated counting error. na = not analyzed.

Appendix Table 2. Some Radionuclides in Plants Collected on Majuro Atoll
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Type | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Eastern Gateway | Pandanus, edible fruit | 4.0 + 1.6 | 1.9 + 0.1 | <0.02 | na ^b |
| " " | " inedible fruit | 5.1 + 1.6 | 2.0 + 0.2 | na | na |
| " " | " leaves | 2.7 + 2.3 | 0.51 + 0.15 | na | na |
| Laura Village | " edible fruit | 2.3 + 1.0 | 4.6 + 0.19 | na | <.001 |
| " " | " inedible fruit | ns ^b | 3.2 + 0.17 | <.24 | <.002 |
| " " | " leaves | 1.3 + 0.5 | 0.82 + 0.03 | <.09 | <.001 |
| Mile 17.3 | " edible fruit | na | na | 0.66 + 0.32 | <.001 |
| " " | " inedible fruit | 6.5 + 1.3 | 1.5 + 0.11 | na | na |
| " " | " leaves | 8.9 + 1.5 | 0.72 + 0.06 | na | na |
| Eastern Gateway | Coconut, meat | 6.6 + 1.7 | 0.74 + 0.07 | <.08 | na |
| " " | " milk | 39.0 + 9.8 | 5.9 + 5.9 | <.76 | na |
| " " | " leaves | 12.0 + 1.9 | 0.41 + 0.06 | na | na |
| Laura Village | " meat | na | na | na | na |
| " " | " milk | 32.0 + 11 | ns | na | na |
| " " | " Leaves | 5.9 + 2.1 | 0.20 + 0.06 | <.14 | <.003 |
| Mile 17.3 | " meat | 13.0 + 1.9 | 0.97 + 0.08 | <.07 | na |
| " " | " milk | 72.0 + 9.9 | 4.0 + 0.51 | <.62 | na |
| " " | " leaves | 4.3 + 0.3 | 0.60 + 0.02 | na | na |
| Laura Village | " copra | 7.4 + 0.7 | 0.27 + 0.04 | <.02 | 0.13 + 0.02 |
| Eastern Gateway | Breadfruit, edible portion | 9.8 + 1.8 | 1.5 + 0.1 | 0.07 + 0.06 | na |
| " " | " inedible portion | 10.0 + 0.1 | 1.4 + 0.1 | na | na |
| " " | " leaves | 6.4 + 2.1 | 1.0 + 0.2 | na | na |
| Laura Village | " edible portion | 18.0 + 2.0 | 0.73 + 0.07 | <.19 | <.001 |
| " " | " inedible portion | 17.0 + 1.9 | 0.53 + 0.07 | 0.28 + 0.22 | <.001 |
| " " | " leaves | 8.1 + 1.4 | 2.0 + 0.13 | 0.15 + 0.10 | <.001 |
| " " | Papaya, edible fruit | 19.0 + 1.9 | 1.8 + 0.12 | 0.79 + 0.05 | <.001 |
| " " | " inedible fruit | 21.0 + 2.6 | 2.3 + 0.17 | na | na |
| " " | " seeds | 22.0 + 7.5 | 4.0 + 0.40 | na | na |
| " " | Banana, edible fruit | 17.0 + 2.0 | 0.05 + 0.04 | <.05 | <.001 |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 3. Some Radionuclides in Plants Collected in Ponape District
in November 1975.

| Collection site | Sample type | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Kolonia | Pandanus, edible fruit | 9.6 + 1.6 | 1.9 + 0.13 | 0.27 + 0.02 | na ^b |
| " | " inedible fruit | 10.0 + 0.6 | 1.2 + 0.6 | 0.11 + 0.02 | na |
| " | " leaves | 5.1 + 1.7 | 0.73 + 0.10 | 0.61 + 0.07 | na |
| Napali I. | " edible fruit | 7.8 + 2.3 | 0.23 + 0.06 | <.10 | na |
| " | " inedible fruit | 8.6 + 2.1 | 0.18 + 0.13 | na | na |
| " | " leaves | 2.9 + 0.4 | ns ^b | na | na |
| Kolonia | Breadfruit, edible fruit | 15.0 + 1.9 | 0.73 + 0.13 | <.07 | .027 + .006 |
| " | " inedible fruit | 8.7 + 0.5 | 0.47 + 0.04 | na | na |
| " | " leaves | 13.0 + 2.0 | 0.77 + 0.10 | na | na |
| " | " edible fruit | 11.0 + 1.8 | 2.3 + 0.12 | <.17 | .003 + .002 |
| " | " inedible fruit | 11.0 + 2.1 | 2.5 + 0.18 | <.35 | na |
| " | " leaves | 3.5 + 1.2 | 0.73 + 0.09 | 1.4 + 0.1 | na |
| Nan Modal | " leaves | 9.2 + 0.7 | 0.53 + 0.04 | 0.10 + 0.6 | na |
| Kolonia | Coconut, meat | 5.8 + 1.3 | 0.38 + 0.06 | <.09 | <.002 |
| " | " milk | 54.0 + 31 | 2.6 + 1.2 | <.85 | <1.1 |
| " | " leaves | 3.9 + 0.3 | 0.25 + 0.02 | na | na |
| Nand | " leaves | ns | 0.26 + 0.06 | 0.23 + 0.08 | na |
| Kolonia | " copra | 5.4 + 1.6 | 0.30 + 0.05 | <.06 | <.001 |
| " | Papaya, edible fruit | 19.0 + 2.1 | 0.25 + 0.05 | 0.20 + 0.04 | <.001 |
| " | " inedible fruit | 22.0 + 2.9 | 0.25 + 0.08 | na | na |
| " | " seeds | 18.0 + 2.6 | 0.23 + 0.08 | na | na |
| " | Banana, edible fruit | 19.0 + 2.2 | 0.05 + 0.04 | <.09 | na |
| " | Taro, root | 2.4 + 1.1 | 0.31 + 0.07 | 1.3 + 0.1 | <.001 |

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a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 4. Some Radionuclides in Plants Collected in Truk District
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Type | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Fefan I. | Pandanus, edible fruit | 16.0 + 1.0 | 0.15 + 0.05 | 0.06 + 0.03 | na ^b |
| | " inedible fruit | 10.0 + 0.8 | 0.14 + 0.05 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 2.2 + 0.6 | 0.06 + 0.03 | na | na |
| Moen I. | " edible fruit | 7.3 + 0.1 | 0.25 + 0.03 | <.11 | na |
| | " inedible fruit | 9.5 + 0.6 | ns ^b | na | na |
| | " leaves | 8.1 + 0.7 | ns | na | na |
| Dublon I. | " edible fruit | 17.0 + 0.4 | 0.23 + 0.03 | <.12 | <.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 12.0 + 0.5 | 0.06 + 0.03 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 13.0 + 0.5 | 0.08 + 0.03 | na | na |
| Fefan I. | Breadfruit, edible fruit | 12.0 + 0.5 | ns | na | na |
| | " inedible fruit | 19.0 + 0.9 | 0.06 + 0.05 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 9.5 + 1.3 | 0.11 + 0.08 | <.14 | na |
| Moen I. | " edible fruit | 5.4 + 0.7 | 1.2 + 0.1 | <.12 | <.002 |
| | " inedible fruit | 9.5 + 0.6 | 1.5 + 0.1 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 5.3 + 1.3 | 1.2 + 0.1 | 1.1 + 0.4 | na |
| Dublon I. | " edible fruit | 13.0 + 0.4 | ns | <.07 | na |
| | " inedible fruit | 21.0 + 0.7 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | 12.0 + 0.7 | ns | na | na |
| Fefan I | Coconut, meat | 1.4 + 0.5 | 0.18 + 0.03 | <.07 | na |
| | " milk | 2.2 + 0.1 | 0.09 + 0.01 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 8.8 + 0.5 | 0.26 + 0.03 | na | na |
| Moen I. | " meat | 3.8 + 0.3 | 0.36 + 0.02 | <.09 | <.001 |
| | " leaves | 4.4 + 0.4 | 0.03 + 0.02 | na | na |
| Dublon I. | " meat | 3.6 + | 0.04 + 0.04 | <.07 | na |
| | " leaves | 4.2 + 3.3 | ns | na | na |
| Fefan I. | Papaya, edible fruit | 21.0 + 2.4 | 0.71 + 0.08 | <.18 | <.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 23.0 + 1.0 | 0.61 + 0.07 | na | na |
| | " seeds | 19.0 + 1.0 | 0.78 + 0.07 | na | na |
| Dublon | " edible fruit | 11.0 + 0.4 | 1.9 + 0.03 | <.07 | <.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 12.0 + 1.2 | 2.1 + 0.1 | na | na |
| | " seeds | 15.0 + 0.6 | 3.0 + 0.1 | na | na |
| " | Coconut copra | 1.8 + 0.7 | ns | <.07 | na |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 5. Some Radionuclides in Plants Collected in the Palau Islands
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Type | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Babelthaup I. | Pandanus, edible fruit | 8.5 ± 1.7 | 0.67 ± 0.07 | <0.34 | <0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 4.0 ± 0.5 | 0.23 ± 0.03 | <0.07 | na |
| | " leaves | 4.5 ± 0.7 | 0.06 ± 0.05 | <0.10 | na |
| Koror I. | " edible fruit | 13.0 ± 0.6 | 0.53 ± 0.04 | 0.36 ± 0.18 | <0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 10.0 ± 0.7 | 0.23 ± 0.05 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 8.6 ± 2.5 | 0.24 ± 0.07 | 0.16 ± 0.10 | na |
| Babelthaup I. | Breadfruit, edible fruit | 14.0 ± 0.5 | 0.06 ± 0.03 | <0.07 | <0.002 |
| | " inedible fruit | 15.0 ± 0.8 | 0.07 ± 0.04 | <0.09 | na |
| | " leaves | 5.4 ± 0.8 | ns ^b | na | na |
| Koror I. | " edible fruit | 18.0 ± 0.5 | 0.13 ± 0.03 | <0.07 | <0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 14.0 ± 0.6 | 0.04 ± 0.03 | na | na |
| | " leaves | 16.0 ± 0.5 | ns | na | na |
| Babelthaup I. | Coconut, meat | 13.0 ± 1.7 | 0.17 ± 0.05 | <0.07 | na |
| | " leaves | 8.7 ± 0.5 | 0.10 ± 0.03 | na | na |
| | " meat | 18.0 ± 0.8 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | 5.7 ± 0.4 | ns | na | na |
| | " meat | 7.4 ± 0.5 | 0.05 ± 0.03 | <0.07 | <0.001 |
| Koror I. | " leaves | 4.7 ± 0.5 | ns | <0.07 | na |
| | Papaya, edible fruit | 14.0 ± 0.5 | 0.12 ± 0.03 | <0.22 | <0.001 |
| Babelthaup I. | " inedible fruit | 18.0 ± 0.6 | 0.13 ± 0.04 | na | na |
| | " seeds | 20.0 ± 4.2 | ns | na | na |
| | Taro, root | 8.4 ± 0.7 | ns | <0.07 | <0.002 |
| " | " stem | 28.0 ± 0.9 | 0.24 ± 0.05 | <0.14 | na |
| | " leaves | 26.0 ± 3.3 | 0.26 ± 0.23 | <0.26 | na |
| " | Cassava, root | 4.9 ± 0.7 | ns | <0.12 | na |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 6. Some Radionuclides in Plants Collected on Guam
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Type | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁴⁰ K | ¹³⁷ Cs | ⁹⁰ Sr | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Agana | Pandanus, edible fruit | 17.0 \pm 0.6 | 1.1 \pm 0.04 | < 0.23 | < 0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 11.0 \pm 1.8 | 0.84 \pm 0.10 | na ^b | na |
| | " leaves | 13.0 \pm 2.5 | 1.0 \pm 0.10 | na | na |
| Agat | " edible fruit | 22.0 \pm 0.7 | ns ^b | < 0.55 | < 0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 15.0 \pm 2.0 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | 12.0 \pm 0.4 | 0.04 \pm 0.02 | na | na |
| Dededo | " edible fruit | 6.1 \pm 1.7 | 18.00 \pm 0.26 | < 0.85 | < 0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 6.6 \pm 1.0 | 16.00 \pm 0.17 | 0.16 \pm 0.06 | na |
| | " leaves | 4.0 \pm 1.0 | 1.6 \pm 0.08 | 0.58 \pm 0.12 | na |
| Merizo | Breadfruit, edible fruit | 16.0 \pm 0.4 | ns | < 0.11 | na |
| | " inedible fruit | 22.0 \pm 0.4 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | 9.7 \pm 0.5 | ns | na | na |
| Dededo | " edible fruit | 18.0 \pm 0.6 | 0.35 \pm 0.03 | < 0.12 | < 0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 24.0 \pm 0.7 | 0.51 \pm 0.05 | < 0.07 | na |
| | " leaves | 17.0 \pm 2.1 | 0.74 \pm 0.08 | 0.49 \pm 0.09 | na |
| Inarajan | " edible fruit | 12.0 \pm 0.4 | ns | < 0.07 | na |
| | " inedible fruit | 20.0 \pm 2.0 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | 9.3 \pm 1.6 | ns | na | na |
| Agana | Coconut, meat | 3.0 \pm 1.1 | 0.20 \pm 0.05 | < 0.07 | < 0.002 |
| | " leaves | 4.7 \pm 0.5 | 0.13 \pm 0.04 | < 0.08 | na |
| Dededo | " meat | 3.7 \pm 1.6 | 0.28 \pm 0.05 | < 0.06 | na |
| | " milk | 0.8 \pm 0.2 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | ns | 0.19 \pm 0.05 | na | na |
| Agana | Papaya, edible fruit | 44.0 \pm 3.4 | 0.41 \pm 0.21 | < 0.71 | na |
| | " inedible fruit | 40.0 \pm 4.2 | ns | na | na |
| Inarajan | " edible fruit | 40.0 \pm 1.5 | ns | < 0.42 | < 0.001 |
| | " inedible fruit | 40.0 \pm 1.6 | 0.12 \pm 0.10 | na | na |
| | " seeds | 26.0 \pm 0.7 | ns | na | na |
| Dededo | Taro, root | 5.6 \pm 0.3 | 0.05 \pm 0.02 | < 0.18 | < 0.001 |
| | " stem | 38.0 \pm 1.4 | ns | na | na |
| | " leaves | 29.0 \pm 1.4 | 0.24 \pm 0.08 | na | na |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 7. Some Radionuclides in Soil Collected on Majuro Atoll
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Depth in cm | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁹⁰ Sr | ¹³⁷ Cs | ²³⁸ U | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Eastern Gateway | Surface composite | 1.3 + 0.38 | 0.11 + 0.03 | ns ^b | 0.022 + 0.020 |
| | 0 - 2.5 | 0.20 + 0.10 | 0.07 + 0.04 | ns | 0.14 + 0.09 |
| | 2.5 - 5 | <0.25 | 0.06 + 0.04 | 0.78 + 0.24 | nab |
| | 5 - 10 | 0.19 + 0.08 | ns | 0.33 + 0.25 | 0.009 + 0.006 |
| | 10 - 15 | na | ns | 0.56 + 0.23 | na |
| | 15 - 25 | na | ns | ns | na |
| | 25 - 50 | na | ns | 0.47 + 0.21 | na |
| Laura Village | 0 - 2.5 | 0.19 + 0.12 | 0.09 + 0.04 | 0.75 + 0.41 | 0.014 + 0.006 |
| | 2.5 - 5 | na | ns | 0.77 + 0.41 | na |
| | 5 - 10 | na | ns | ns | na |
| | Surface composite | 0.49 + 0.07 | 0.08 + 0.04 | 1.3 + 0.55 | 0.004 + 0.002 |
| Mile 17 | " " | <0.19 | 0.19 + 0.04 | 0.88 + 0.25 | 0.018 + 0.006 |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 8 . Some Radionuclides in Soil Collected in the Ponape District
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Depth in cm | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ⁹⁰ Sr | ¹³⁷ Cs | ²²⁶ Ra | ²²⁸ Th | ²³² Th | ²³⁸ U | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Nand | Surface composite | <0.19 | 0.49 + 0.08 | 0.56 + 0.06 | 1.5 + 0.12 | 0.94 + 0.26 | 0.54 + 0.39 | na ^b |
| Napali I. | 0 - 2.5 | 1.2 + 0.3 | 0.09 + 0.03 | ns ^b | ns | ns | ns | 0.03 + 0.02 |
| " | 2.5 - 5 | <0.19 | 0.19 + 0.04 | 0.13 + 0.06 | ns | ns | 1.2 + 0.5 | 0.008 + 0.004 |
| " | 5 - 10 | na | 0.16 + 0.05 | 0.09 + 0.06 | ns | 0.30 + 0.19 | 0.62 + 0.19 | na |
| Kolonia | 0 - 2.5 | na | 0.28 + 0.05 | 0.60 + 0.05 | 1.5 + 0.12 | 0.92 + 0.23 | 1.3 + 0.45 | <0.004 |
| " | 2.5 - 5 | na | 0.14 + 0.04 | 0.49 + 0.04 | 0.89 + 0.08 | 0.98 + 0.17 | 0.78 + 0.29 | <0.018 |
| " | 5 - 10 | na | 0.09 + 0.04 | 0.53 + 0.05 | 0.97 + 0.09 | 0.66 + 0.13 | 0.80 + 0.47 | na |
| Kolonia | 0 - 2.5 | na | 0.78 + 0.09 | 0.68 + 0.06 | 1.5 + 0.11 | 1.3 + 0.23 | 1.1 + 0.36 | 0.014 + 0.004 |
| " | 2.5 - 5 | <0.07 | 0.74 + 0.08 | 0.68 + 0.07 | 1.5 + 0.11 | 1.4 + 0.24 | 1.4 + 0.63 | na |
| " | 5 - 10 | na | 0.24 + 0.06 | 0.52 + 0.06 | 0.60 + 0.29 | 1.2 + 0.25 | 0.60 + 0.29 | na |
| " | 10 - 15 | na | 0.14 + 0.05 | 0.45 + 0.06 | 0.98 + 0.11 | 0.81 + 0.24 | 0.77 + 0.58 | na |
| " | 15 - 25 | na | 0.12 + 0.04 | 0.51 + 0.05 | 1.1 + 0.09 | 1.2 + 0.20 | 1.3 + 0.48 | na |
| " | 25 - 50 | na | 0.04 + 0.03 | 0.69 + 0.05 | 1.2 + 0.09 | 0.88 + 0.17 | 0.80 + 0.32 | na |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 9. Some Radionuclides in Soil Collected at Truk in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Depth in cm | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g. dry ^a | | | | | | | 239,240Pu |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | 90Sr | 137Cs | 226Ra | 228Th | 232Th | 238U | | |
| Fefan I. | 0 - 2.5 | 0.16 + 0.16 | 0.41 + 0.06 | 0.41 + 0.06 | 0.49 + 0.11 | 0.32 + 0.13 | ns ^b | 0.092 + 0.008 | |
| | 2.5 - 5 | 0.52 + 0.32 | 0.34 + 0.06 | 0.51 + 0.06 | 0.62 + 0.09 | 0.76 + 0.23 | 0.71 + 0.29 | 0.007 + 0.002 | |
| | 5 - 10 | na | 0.28 + 0.05 | 0.45 + 0.06 | 0.82 + 0.10 | 0.78 + 0.28 | 0.83 + 0.59 | na | |
| Moen I. | 0 - 2.5 | na | 0.10 + 0.04 | 0.28 + 0.05 | 0.28 + 0.07 | 0.36 + 0.20 | 0.97 + 0.27 | < 0.02 | |
| | 2.5 - 5 | na | 0.07 + 0.04 | 0.14 + 0.05 | 0.21 + 0.08 | 0.45 + 0.26 | 1.3 + 0.05 | 0.005 + 0.002 | |
| | 5 - 10 | na | 0.16 + 0.05 | 0.28 + 0.05 | 0.42 + 0.08 | 0.51 + 0.25 | 0.99 + 0.27 | na | |
| " " | 10 - 15 | na | 0.13 + 0.05 | 0.42 + 0.06 | 0.53 + 0.10 | 0.74 + 0.27 | 1.8 + 0.59 | na | |
| | 15 - 25 | na | 0.11 + 0.05 | 0.89 + 0.07 | 0.34 + 0.09 | 0.49 + 0.22 | 1.4 + 0.33 | na | |
| | 25 - 35 | na | 0.07 + 0.04 | 0.30 + 0.06 | 0.20 + 0.09 | 0.59 + 0.22 | 1.2 + 0.57 | na | |
| Dublon I. | Surface composite | | na | 0.24 + 0.05 | 0.22 + 0.06 | 0.13 + 0.09 | 0.41 + 0.21 | 1.5 + 0.53 | na |
| | " " | na | 0.35 + 0.06 | 0.38 + 0.05 | 0.55 + 0.07 | 0.53 + 0.21 | 0.76 + 0.29 | 0.022 + 0.005 | |
| | 0 - 2.5 | na | 0.15 + 0.05 | 0.27 + 0.06 | 0.34 + 0.09 | 0.97 + 0.29 | 1.3 + 0.58 | 0.004 + 0.001 | |
| | 2.5 - 5 | na | 0.16 + 0.04 | 0.27 + 0.05 | 0.28 + 0.10 | 0.39 + 0.29 | 1.3 + 0.58 | na | |
| " " | 5 - 10 | na | 0.19 + 0.04 | 0.24 + 0.05 | 0.42 + 0.08 | 0.60 + 0.19 | 1.2 + 0.45 | < 0.002 | |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

Appendix Table 10. Some Radionuclides in Soil Collected in the Palau Islands in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Depth in cm | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | ⁹⁰ Sr | ¹³⁷ Cs | ²²⁶ Ra | ²³² Th | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Koror I. | Surface composite | <0.12 | 0.19 + 0.04 | 0.24 + 0.05 | 0.60 + 0.19 | na ^b |
| | 0 - 2.5 | na | 0.19 + 0.04 | ns | ns | na |
| | 2.5 - 5 | na | 0.22 + 0.03 | ns | ns | na |
| | 5 - 10 | na | 0.22 + 0.05 | 0.12 + 0.04 | ns | na |
| Babelthaup I. | Surface composite | 0.14 + 0.08 | 0.60 + 0.07 | 0.11 + 0.05 | ns | 0.012 + 0.003 ^c |
| | 0 - 2.5 | <0.12 | 0.69 + 0.08 | 0.39 + 0.05 | 0.27 + 0.24 | 0.006 + 0.003 ^c |
| | 2.5 - 5 | <0.10 | 0.42 + 0.06 | 0.40 + 0.06 | ns | 0.010 + 0.002 |
| | 5 - 10 | na | 0.17 + 0.05 | 0.18 + 0.05 | 0.40 + 0.23 | na |
| Babelthaup I. | 0 - 2.5 | <0.18 | 0.33 + 0.06 | 0.15 + 0.04 | ns | 0.006 + 0.003 ^c |
| | 2.5 - 5 | na | 0.30 + 0.06 | 0.15 + 0.05 | ns | na |
| | 5 - 10 | na | 0.21 + 0.04 | 0.16 + 0.07 | 0.33 + 0.23 | na |
| | 10 - 15 | na | 0.07 + 0.04 | 0.13 + 0.07 | ns | na |
| | 15 - 25 | na | 0.04 + 0.03 | 0.11 + 0.07 | 0.56 + 0.26 | na |
| | 25 - 35 | na | ns | 0.14 + 0.03 | ns | na |
| | 35 - 50 | na | ns | ns | ns | na |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns= not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na= not analyzed.

c. These two samples were pooled for the ^{239,240}Pu analysis.

Appendix Table 11. Some Radionuclides in Soil Collected on Guam
in November 1975.

| Collection Site | Sample Depth in cm | Radionuclide concentration in pCi/g, dry ^a | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | ¹³⁷ Cs | ²¹⁰ Pb | ²¹⁰ Ra | ²³² Th | ²³⁵ U | ^{239,240} Pu |
| Agana | 0 - 2.5 | 0.24 ± 0.06 | 20.0 ± 7.2 | 78.0 ± 0.4 | 4.4 ± 0.8 | 5.6 ± 0.1 | 0.010 ± .004 |
| | 2.5 - 5 | 1.0 ± 0.2 | 22.0 ± 5.7 | ns | ns | ns | 0.003 ± .002 |
| | 5 - 10 | ns ^b | 11.0 ± 6.6 | 69.0 ± 0.4 | 1.2 ± 0.3 | 5.1 ± 0.3 | 0.003 ± .002 |
| Dededo | 0 - 2.5 | ns | 10.0 ± 3.5 | 42.0 ± 0.3 | 4.8 ± 0.6 | 4.8 ± 0.6 | na |
| | 2.5 - 5 | ns | 9.4 ± 5.7 | 44.0 ± 0.3 | 4.2 ± 0.6 | 4.0 ± 0.1 | na |
| | 5 - 10 | ns | 16.0 ± 5.8 | 44.0 ± 0.3 | 4.2 ± 0.6 | 4.0 ± 0.1 | na |
| | 10 - 15 | ns | 8.4 ± 3.5 | 43.0 ± 0.3 | 4.5 ± 0.6 | 3.8 ± 0.1 | na |
| | 15 - 25 | ns | 6.2 ± 5.8 | 46.0 ± 0.3 | 4.9 ± 0.6 | 3.6 ± 0.1 | na |
| | 25 - 35 | ns | 16.0 ± 3.5 | 43.0 ± 0.4 | 5.0 ± 0.6 | 3.5 ± 0.1 | na |
| | 35 - 50 | ns | 14.0 ± 3.6 | 43.0 ± 0.3 | 4.6 ± 0.6 | 3.4 ± 0.1 | na |
| Talofofo | 0 - 2.5 | 0.35 ± 0.05 | ns | 0.6 ± 0.1 | 0.4 ± 0.2 | 0.1 ± 0.3 | na |
| | 2.5 - 5 | 0.38 ± 0.05 | ns | 0.6 ± 0.5 | 0.5 ± 0.2 | 0.1 ± 0.3 | na |
| | 5 - 10 | 0.46 ± 0.05 | ns | 0.7 ± 0.1 | 0.6 ± 0.2 | 0.1 ± 0.04 | 0.012 ± .004 |

a. The error values are two-sigma, propagated, counting errors for a single sample.

b. ns = not significant; the net sample count is less than the two-sigma counting error. na = not analyzed.

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