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Subject: Project Indalo

This sounds classified but has never been. In 1966, the village of Palomares, Spain was accidentally exposed to radiation from 2 US nuclear weapons when a KC-135 Tanker and B-52 collided and exploded over the coast of Spain. Since that time, DOE has funded an agreement known as the Otero-Hall Agreement aka Project Indalo to stave off the costs associated with gathering and analyzing samples from the residents of Palomares. A 1/18/90 action memo from E. Baynard approved by J. Salgado indicated that responsibility for this agreement would transfer from EH to DASMA and that starting in FY 1990 DP would be providing the funding. Evidently, DP was represented in a meeting on 11/9/89 along with EH, IE and a member of the Spanish Government where this transfer to DASMA was discussed due to the nature of the agreement. Since then no DP funds have been obligated to the instrument (DE-GI01-82EP12126). In the early 80's this agreement was "codified" if you will, into an international agreement, the current expiration date of that codified version is 5/1/90; even though the Otero-Hall agreement itself has no expiration date. There is a separate conduit of funds out of Oak Ridge to pay for the training of the Scientists to analyze the samples taken from the residents. From a procurement standpoint there are two issues in need of resolution. First, the expiration date is 2 weeks away, and inaction could be construed as a loss of interest, (this instrument "expired" once and had to be "resurrected"). Second, in these budget conscious times, DASMA doesn't really have a spare \$400K laying around and seems reluctant to do anything in terms of funding. If nothing is done, there is the potential for high-level political fallout. John Rudolph seems to have inherited this action, but appears reluctant to come up with the funding.

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FYI, since your name is mentioned,
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