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Bob Alvarez Request for Briefing

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I received a phone call directly from Bob Alvarez where he requested a briefing within the next month on the following:

- o Office of Health activities dealing with international matters related to the intentional or inadvertent release of radioactive materials and the exposure of personnel.
- o Palomares, Spain - Bob stated he has previously reviewed related documents, was familiar with the post clean-up, the rotatilling of areas and had met with "villagers" and one woman specifically who had a child who died of leukemia after soldiers gave the child candy to go around and pick-up bomb parts after the accident. Bob wants to know "What we are up to" and any "findings" we have.
- o Chernobyl - Bob asked about our level of effort and the level of cooperation we are getting from the Soviets, the research agenda for the Soviets or the Regions, are we working with the Regions or the Soviet central government. Are we working other incidents or sites (i.e., Tistium?, etc.)?
- o Marshall Islands - Besides Rongelap, what are we doing? Are we looking at the northern part of Enewetak? He is interested in dates and times of detonations where material was spread around on the safety tests (i.e., who was exposed and to how much material and exposure, etc.).
- o He stated he was looking for Baseline information, a sense of the magnitude of contamination and personnel exposures.
- o He stated he has GAO looking at deliberate releases like the Green Run at Hanford and other point sources and wondered what information we had on the subject of releases, their dose to people and subsequent effects on exposed people.
- o He further asked if we had contacted the Defense Nuclear Agency to search the files of their Radiological Warfare Test Program.

The above brief is not time sensitive as long as it is within the next month. Tom Bell will work with EH-42 designated representative to formulate a draft briefing for your review by December 13, 1991.

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