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Subject: Guidance on inclusion of funds in the FY 1975
Budget for clean-up and rehabilitation of
Eniwetok Atoll, Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands

I have received letters regarding budgeting for the Eniwetok clean-up and rehabilitation program from Interior Assistant Secretary Lynn (dated August 17, 1973) and from Admiral Peet, (dated September 18, 1973). In response to these letters, I would like to provide the following guidance relating to financial responsibility for this effort.

Agencies should request FY 1975 funds to allow for maintaining existing base camp activities and for appropriate radiological survey and monitoring activities. The FY 1975 request should also provide for some initial FY 1975 effort on clean-up, pending the results of on-going analysis of firm requirements for clean-up and rehabilitation. The FY 1975 budget should be sufficient to show continuing Administration commitment to the clean-up and rehabilitation of the Atoll, but consistent with current uncertainty regarding the final detailed clean-up and rehabilitation plan.

Budget requests should reflect the following agency responsibilities: Department of Defense for maintaining ongoing facilities and operations in Eniwetok, and for clean-up operations; Interior for rehabilitation; Atomic Energy Commission for radiological monitoring and survey.

My staff will provide any further assistance to you that may be required.

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