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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
DIRECTOR DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY

SUBJECT: Amplification of Responsibilities in Regard to Eniwetok

As requested by the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 30 November 1972, designated the Director, Defense Nuclear Agency as the Department of Defense Project Manager for matters concerning the cleanup of Eniwetok. These duties include acting for the Secretary of Defense in planning and, if so determined, accomplishing the cleanup of Eniwetok, and to provide representation and enter into agreements in this regard. On 8 February 1973, a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense memorandum to the Director, Defense Nuclear Agency reported several significant developments concerning Eniwetok and forwarded additional guidance.

Recently, a memorandum from the Secretary of Interior, Chairman of the Inter-Agency Group responsible for the cleanup and rehabilitation of Eniwetok, to the Director, Office of Management and Budget, requested guidance as to which agency or agencies should program costs for the project, and how such a request should be submitted.

While the responsibility and procedures for funding the Eniwetok project are being determined, it is considered prudent to perform additional planning actions in the eventuality that the Department of Defense is designated to fund a portion of this operation. Accordingly, the Defense Nuclear Agency, as Program Manager, is requested to accomplish the following tasks with the Air Force cooperating as indicated:

- Collect from the Military Services and Defense agencies official statements of their requirements for access to or use of the resources of Eniwetok Atoll after its transfer to the Trust Territory Government. Based on these statements of requirements, the Defense Nuclear Agency is requested to assist the Air Force in negotiating for the retention of these residual rights incident to the transfer agreement.
- Should the Department of Defense be required to fund the holding operation on Eniwetok during calendar year 1974, assume from the US Air Force on 1 January 1974 the responsibility for this support operation as an adjunct to cleanup activities.

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The Air Force is requested to develop a mutually acceptable plan to reimburse the Defense Nuclear Agency for the Eniwetok holding costs, except for military personnel, for the second half of FY 1974 and to transfer appropriate civilian manpower resources. Air Force should continue to fund for any Air Force military personnel through FY 1974.

- As recommended in the Defense Nuclear Agency letter of 8 August 1973, DNA is authorized to continue to develop and refine costs to cover the cleanup phase should it be required in the FY 1975 budget. Guidance concerning funding responsibilities is expected from the Office of Management and Budget in the near future.
- In order to avoid future misconceptions, formalize an understanding with the Atomic Energy Commission of the role that Agency will perform in the cleanup operations.

(Signed)

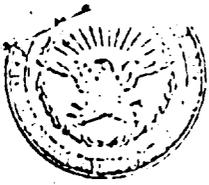
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18 October 1973

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)

SUBJECT: Responsibilities in Regard to Eniwetok

1. I am in receipt of your decision confirming your memorandum which directed DNA to assume responsibility for Eniwetok on 1 January 1974. I appreciate the fact that you permitted me to present my case; and, as I promised, I will salute smartly and get on with the job.

2. There was one problem mentioned during our discussion for which I need your help. I believe it is quite clear that the Air Force has had a number of military personnel involved in the management of Eniwetok, though they may not have had any one person devoting full time. According to my intelligence the aggregate of the efforts of all who are involved probably amounts to six or seven people. I believe it would be appropriate, and I would be most grateful, if you would direct the Air Force to transfer three military manpower spaces (1 officer - 2 enlisted men) to the Defense Nuclear Agency. I believe it is imperative that without the organizational structure and a presence in the Pacific that is now available to the Air Force that I assign full time personnel to manage the increasing activities at Eniwetok.

3. I am dictating this memorandum by telephone since I am away from Washington and will ask my Scientific Deputy, Dr. Jack Rosengren, to sign in my absence. Again, I am most grateful for your patience in this matter.

*for* *Jack W. Rosengren*  
WARREN D. JOHNSON  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR  
CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Guidance for the Inclusion of Funds in the FY 1975 Budget for Cleanup and Rehabilitation of Eniwetok Atoll, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

1. I have received letters regarding budgeting for the Eniwetok cleanup and rehabilitation program from Interior Assistant Secretary Lind dated October 17, 1973 (and from Admiral Pete) dated September 18, 1973. In response to these letters, I would like to provide the following guidance relating to financial responsibility for this effort.
2. 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 cleanup, pending the results of on-going analysis of firm requirements for cleanup and rehabilitation. The FY 1975 budget should be sufficient to show continuing Administration commitment to the cleanup and rehabilitation of the Atoll, but consistent with current uncertainty regarding the final detail cleanup and rehabilitation plan.
3. Budget requests should reflect the following agency responsibilities: Department of Defense for maintaining on-going facilities and operations in Eniwetok, and for cleanup operations; Interior for rehabilitation; Atomic Energy Commission for radiological monitoring and survey.
4. My staff will provide any further assistance to you that may be required.

/s/ Fred Malek  
for ROY L. ASH,  
Director

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WEEK BEGINNING											
SECTION											
(1) SAMTEC and DNA complete transfer agreement											
(2) SAMTEC and DNA agree to and finalize schedule of events											
(3) SAMTEC transfer funds to DNA											
(A) Phase I											
(B) Phase II											
(C) Phase III											
(4) SAMTEC and DNA inventory and transfer RP/RPIE to DNA											
(5) Logistics											
(A) SAMTEC and DNA inventory and transfer vehicles to DNA											
(B) SAMTEC and DNA inventory and transfer equipment to DNA											
(C) Transfer of maintenance responsibilities to DNA											
(D) SAMTEC and DNA inventory and transfer Marine equipment to DNA											
(E) DNA request change of EY Codes											
(6) Communications											
(A) SAMTEC and DNA inventory and transfer facilities/equipment to DNA											
(B) DNA establish new communications trunk											
(7) DNA establish procedures for Criminal Law											
(8) Contracts reviewed and accepted by DNA											
(9) Agreements reviewed and accepted by DNA											

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Actual

(10) SAMTEC and DNA notify Users/Tenants of transfer

(11) Removal of equipment by SAMTEC (not required by DNA)

(12) Transfer actions completed

(13) Contracts renegotiated by DNA

(14) Agreements renegotiated by DNA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: REAR ADMIRAL SWANSON

SUBJECT: Transfer of Executive Management of Eniwetok

1. The DNA/SAMTEC Conference at Andrews AFB on 24 October 1973 resulted in bringing to light a great deal of information on the Eniwetok contractor operation and the funding thereof. It was agreed that the SAMTEC prepared Memorandum of Agreement represented a reasonable draft, that the agreement should be between DNA and DAF, and that HQ, DNA would respond to DAF with suggested changes to the draft.

2. Unresolved issues appeared to be the following:

a. Manpower to be transferred.

b. Transfer of funds budgeted for MAC airlift of channel traffic in support of Eniwetok.

c. Willingness of 15th AB Wing at Hickam to provide required support with or without reimbursement. Extent of this support includes flying safety inspection of Eniwetok airfield, repair of AGE, repair and calibration of PMEL, use of teletype and autodin by contractor, organizational supply support, development of instrument approach procedures for Eniwetok airfield, medical staff inspection twice a year and bioenvironmental surveillance at six month intervals including preventive medicine, industrial hygiene, environmental sanitation and food services inspections.

d. Development of a schedule to pinpoint suspense dates for completion of required actions.

3. Resolution of these issues will require the following actions:

a. Preparation of detailed manpower requirements, negotiation of same with DAF and submission of a JMP to the JCS. This must be preceded by decisions on the manner in which DNA will accomplish this new mission.

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b. Coordination with AFSC/AFLC/DAF to determine the need for a transfer of funds or an agreement to provide MAC channel traffic service without reimbursement.

c. Coordination with 15th AB Wing to determine extent of support which will be provided with and without reimbursement.

d. Completion of actions above and coordination of schedule between FCDNA and DNA.

4. Based on results of the conference and discussions with the DNA staff, recommend the following:

a. That FCDNA be tasked to provide the successor Contracting Officer for the MATSCO contract and to supervise and administer the contract. I see no advantage to holding the contract at DNA level, but many for passing to FC, e.g. this is "everyday" type business which FC should perform for DNA and biggest problem SAMTEC has encountered to date has been coordination with AFWL which we certainly should be able to do better.

b. That the matter of support agreements be elevated to top priority. Resolution of these agreements especially that with 15th AB Wing, should be accomplished prior to committing ourselves with DAF.

c. That DNA provide sufficient guidance on the future EXPOE program to allow AFWL to project their support requirements well into calendar 1974. Currently, EXPOE has provided SAMTEC with funds only to 12 January 1974 which would necessitate our modifying the contract immediately after taking it over.

d. That funding for FY 75, if and when approved by OSD, should be with RDT&E funds in order to permit greatest flexibility.

5. Assuming that management of Eniwotok operations follows the general nature of the recommendations above, I foresee a need for four additional manpower spaces. Two spaces should be provided in Albuquerque to pick up the increased load in contract administration/ support agreements/budgeting/accounting. These could be military or civilian. I would propose that LtCol Hente serve as COR for the contract and that he be augmented with an NCO and a clerk/typist. This is a quick and dirty appraisal which will be reviewed in greater detail by the FC staff ASAP.

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Colonel, USA

