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FROM POLAD 34. STATE FOR IO/UNP AND S/PC. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR
WILLIAMS. DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA AND JCS. WHITE HOUSE FOR MR HOLDRIDGE
(NSC). CINCPAC FOR POLAD.
SUBJECT: TTPI - CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
1. JANUARY 25 REP ATAJO BALOS(MARSHALLS). IN ONE OF STRONGEST
AND MOST BITTER ATTACKS EVER MADE ON U.S. AND TTPI
ADMINISTRATION IN EITHER HOUSE OF CONGRESS, LASHED OUT AT U.S.
TREATMENT RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ISLANDERS WHO WERE 1954 RECIPIENTS
ACCIDENTAL FALLOUT DOSE FROM NUCLEAR TEST AT BIKINI. ATTACK

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PRECIPITATED BY EJECTION IN DECEMBER FROM TTPI OF JAPANESE MEDICAL
TEAM WHICH WAS IN TERRITORY AT INVITATION BALOS. REP. BALOS ON SAME
DAY INTRODUCED H.B. 199 WHICH, IF ENACTED, WOULD ESTABLISH A
SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO PLIGHT PEOPLE IN
QUESTION AND TAKE ACTION THEREON. BILL BEING REPORTED IN DETAIL
BY SEPTEL (POLAD 35). BALOS ALSO INSERTED INTO HOUSE JOURNAL
COPY OF A MEMORANDUM FROM OEO LAWYER OLSEN CONCERNING HANDLING
OF DEPORTATION" OF JAPANESE MEDICAL TEAM, AND A LETTER FROM JAPAN-
CONGRESS AGAINST A-AND H-BOMBS ADDRESSED TO REP. BALOS WHICH

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SPECULATES IN DETAIL ON BACKGROUND U.S. HANDLING SITUATION AND ALSO PROVIDES BRIEF MEDICAL DATA ON FIVE RONGELAPESE EXAMINED BY TEAM ON MAJURO. COPIES ALL FOREGOING DOCUMENTS BEING AIRMAILED TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND TO OSN FOR APPROPRIATE ONWARD DISTRIBUTION. FOR FLAVOR FOLLOWING ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM REP. BALOS'S STATEMENT IN HOUSE

2. "I AM NOW CONVINCED U.S. KNOWINGLY AND CONSCIOUSLY ALLOWED PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK TO BE EXPOSED TO 1954 FALLOUT. THIS WAS DONE TO RONGELAPESE AND UTIRIKESE SO THAT U.S. COULD USE THEM AS HUMAN GUINEA PIGS IN DEVELOPMENT OF ITS MEDICAL CAPABILITIES TO TREAT ITS CITIZENS WHO MIGHT BE EXPOSED TO RADIATION IN EVENT OF WAR WITH AN ENEMY COUNTRY. THIS IS A CRIME UNMATCHED IN PEACETIME. ...

THE U.S. CHOSE TO MAKE GUINEA PIGS OUT OF OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT WHITE BUT SOME BROWN NATIVES IN SOME REMOTE PACIFIC ISLANDS. MEDICAL TREATMENT THAT RONGELAPESE AND UTIRIKESE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING IS ALSO HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE. ...THE OBJECT OF THEIR (AEC MEDICAL TEAMS) VISITS APPEARS TO BE COLLECTION OF MEDICAL DATA INSTEAD OF RESTORATION OF HEALTH TO H-BOMB VICTIMS WHO HAVE DEVELOPED ALL KINDS OF DISEASES AND ABNORMALITIES. ....I AM REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS IN SOME APPROPRIATE MANNER INDICATE ITS DISPLEASURE AT DEPORTATION BY ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF JAPANESE MEDICAL TEAM WHO CAME TO MICRONESIA LAST DECEMBER FOR PURPOSE OF AIDING H-BOMB VICTIMS. ... I AM ALSO REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ASSIST IN RESTORATION OF THEIR HEALTH AND EXTEND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND JAPAN CONGRESS AGAINST A- AND H-BOMBS TO COME TO MICRONESIA TO INVESTIGATE AND EXAMINE HEALTH CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK."

3. ON JANUARY 26 REP BALOS MADE FURTHER STATEMENT DENOUNCING MNS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR NOT REPORTING MORE FULLY FOREGOING STATEMENT. INTER ALIA HE COMMENTED: IT WOULD APPEAR THERE IS CONSPIRACY TO KEEP PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA IGNORANT OF MISDEEDS OF ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS IT IS A PERVERSION OF FREEDOM

OF SPEECH, EXPRESSION, AND COMMUNICATION. IT IS PREJUDGEMENT. IT IS UNDEMOCRATIC. IT IS WRONG." DORRANCE