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DOD PASS TO CARL WALSKE, ASSISTANT TO SECDEF FOR ATOMIC ENERGY.

FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ANSWERS TO SHEEHAN'S QUESTIONNAIRE ARE SUGGESTED BY GENERAL HUNZIKER, THE DANISH AUTHORITIES AND THIS EMRASSY.

QUESTION: WHAT HAVE THE ICE BORINGS SHOWN?

ANSWER: SOME SAMPLES OF ICE BORINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT AREA (WHERE THE ICE WAS CRACKED) HAVE SHOWN RADIOACTIVITY. THE ICE DOES NOT SHOW RADIOACTIVITY AWAY FROM THIS LIMITED AREA. DELETE REMAINDER OF STATE/DEFENSE ANSWER.

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QUESTION: HOW DEEP IN THE ICE DOES THE RADIOACTIVITY GO AND HOW HIGH IN COUNTS PER MINUTE ARE THE READINGS OF RADIOACTIVITY IN THE ICE?

ANSWER: IN THE IMPACT AREA THE RADIOACTIVITY IS FOUND IRREGULARLY IN THE ICE. AWAY FROM THE IMPACT AREA THE ICE IS FREE OF RADIOACTIVITY. THE AREA COUNTS PER MINUTE INFORMATION IS NOT MEANING.



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FUL IN EVALUATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL HAZARD.

QUESTION: DID THE ICE MELT OR WAS IT BROKEN ALL THE WAY THROUGH AND DID PARTS OF THE BOMBS OR THE PLANE GO THROUGH INTO THE SEA?

ANSWER: THERE WAS SOME BREAKING OF THE ICE IN THE IMPACT AREA. WHETHER ANY DEBRIS WENT COMPLETELY THROUGH THE ICE IS NOT KNOWN AT BEGIN UNDERLINE AT THIS TIME. END UNDERLINE

QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE COUNTS PER MINUTE OF SNOW WITHIN 300 YDS OF THE SWATH AND WHAT ARE THE READINGS OF SNOW SAMPLES TAKEN FROM ONE MILE AND TWO AND THREE MILES AWAY?

ANSWER: FROM THE STATE/DEFENSE REPLY DELETE QUOTE THE AREA COUNTS PER MINUTE INFORMATION IS NOT RELEASABLE. IN ANY EVENT UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE RUDKEN 3501 C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEGIN THE ANSWER WITH QUOTE AREA COUNTS DO NOT PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL BASIS FOR PLACING IN PERSPECTIVE THE LEVELS OF RADIOACTIVITY IN THE IMPACT AREA AND BEGIN UNDERLINE SCATTERED DEBRIS AREAS END UNDERLINE UNQUOTE. THE REMAINDER OF STATE/DEFENSE ANSWER TO REMAIN AS PROPOSED REFTEL.

QUESTION: HOW MUCH SNOW WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED?

ANSWER: DELETE 5,000 TO 10,000 AND SUBSTITUTE QUOTE: SINCE THE DEPTH OF SNOW VARIES THE ACTUAL TONNAGE CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME UNQUOTE.

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QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF A CLEANUP PROGRAM HAS THE DANISH GOVT REQUESTED? IF THEY HAVE MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS YET, HOW FAR ALONG IS THEIR INVESTIGATION OR THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH US FOR CLEANUP? WHAT KIND OF COMPENSATION HAVE THEY REQUESTED?

ANSWER: FROM THE LAST SENTENCE OF STATE/DEFENSE ANSWER DELETE THE WORD QUOTE YET UNQUOTE.

FYI COMMENT: THE DANES SUGGESTED THIS DELETION. EXPLANATION

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FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL.

QUESTION: HOW MANY MEN ARE WORKING AT THE BASE AND THE SITE AND
WHAT HAS THE RECOVERY OPERATION COST SO FAR?

ANSWER: THE STATE/DEFENSE ANSWER IS OKAY, BUT IT MIGHT BE ADDED
THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WILL BE REDUCED TO THE LEVEL
REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH DEBRIS RECOVERY AND CLEAN UP OF THE AREA
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND DANISH REPRESENTATIVES.
399 PERSONNEL WERE TDY 26 FEBRUARY.

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