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SUBJECT: The Proposed Plan of Management of Personnel in the [redacted] Decontamination Area.

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1. In view of the fact that the [redacted] could not be used for a decontamination point because of the inadequate water supply and the terrain in the particular area not being able to support the movement of heavy equipment, it was decided that the original piece of property [redacted]

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[redacted] would be used as an emergency decontamination center. It is not anticipated that this piece of property be purchased but that in the event of an atomic disaster such an area could be used on a right of eminent domain basis and the area turned over to this Agency for such purposes.

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[redacted] and is equipped with electricity and water. Tents containing the portable shower units could be erected in the area between the reservoir [redacted] and water pumped from the reservoir to the shower space by means of a portable electric pump or gasoline pump. Waste material from the shower rooms or tent areas could be deposited in a hallow wooded area that contains nothing but scrub growth trees and a lot of underbrush. This waste area could be roped off and so labled until it was felt that all the radioactivity in the waste material had been dissipated.

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3. In cold weather it is felt that [redacted] could be used for these portable showers, and would offer no more difficulty in getting water to that than in the aforementioned site because it's only a matter of 500 feet from the proposed area. The pipes, hose, tents, showers and radiation equipment can all be stored [redacted] in a truck ready to move at any particular time. It is anticipated that the area could be staffed by approximately ten unskilled workers as was originally outlined to deploy personnel going through the decontamination area to manage the tentage, trucks and equipment in that particular area and to direct traffic. However, it is felt that at least two trained technicians as originally

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outlined should be stationed in this area to survey personnel before

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4. The items of equipment to be stored on the truck will not differ in any respect from the original memo with the one exception that the tents and pumps will be secured [redacted] and maintained in the [redacted] area for emergency use.

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5. The area immediately adjacent [redacted] was surveyed by Administration and Communication representatives, and it was felt that from the standpoint of Commo that that particular area would not offer any serious technical problems. It is felt that since the area in this [redacted] property has similar characteristics as far as altitude is concerned that there would be no added difficulty with respect to a two-way vocal commo. However, it is felt that a representative of the Communications Office be consulted so that they may offer any criticisms or corrections, as far as the decontamination area is concerned, with respect to Communications.

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