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Please enter this message into the same NRC record cited above, for the purpose of my correcting a misstatement about dosages received by personnel aboard the U.S.S. Biroka in 1954. The correct figures that navy personnel received when working topside, involved in decontamination efforts, should have been 100-roentgens of exposure - and not 100-miliroentgens as I stated at the St. Lucie meeting and perhaps the Turkey Point meeting I attended.

I distinctly recall my initial impression upon reading the Defense Department documents I referred to: that some of the sailors had received what I recognized as twenty times the allowable exposure. And, furthermore that they had received Beta burns.

I subsequently, learned that there were Japanese fishing vessels that received fallout from the blast. Also, I personally went ashore at the Rongelap Atoll, where there had been radioactive fallout several weeks before from the same detonation. The native population had been evacuated from Rongelap, prior to my arrival at that atoll as the officer in charge of a two man survey detail. We had been flown in by a Navy PBY - Catalina and landed in the lagoon.

Sincerely,

s/Stan Smilan

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