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GRA/S.104/6/Org

Radiological Safety Precautions at
Christmas Island

With reference to the letter from Task Force Grapple Rear dated the 9th September, 1958 (Reference GRA/S.104/6/ORG.), M.D.G. has no way of determining when naval personnel are drafted to the Christmas Island area, whether or not they are to work in the "controlled area", but it is understood that, in fact, up to the present very few of them indeed have worked in the controlled area.

2. It would be a major undertaking to examine all naval personnel in accordance with the provisions laid down in the "Factories (Ionising Radiations) Special Regulations (Draft)", and this is clearly not required. Advice concerning the most effective way of identifying personnel who should be examined in this way is requested. It is assumed that blood examinations of all naval personnel drafted to units in the Christmas Island area are now being carried out in accordance with C.A.F.O. 81, and M.D.G. would like to be informed if any difficulties have been encountered in complying with this C.A.F.O.

3. Trials Planning Section referred for comment.

(Sgd.) *XX*
for MEDICAL DIRECTOR-GENERAL.
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As far as T.P.S. is aware no difficulty has been experienced with the blood examinations of Naval personnel being drafted to Christmas Island.

2. With the present pattern of trials no naval personnel are required to go into the Controlled Area, and as far as can be foreseen there is no likelihood of them requiring to do so in the future.

3. However, should it subsequently be found necessary for Naval personnel to serve in the Controlled Area, it is suggested that the Commanding Officer H.M.S. RESOLUTION should keep Admiralty informed of the names of those ratings. As it is assumed that the medical examination cannot be carried out at Christmas Island, the examination would obviously have to be waived for any such ratings already out there. On the other hand, in the event of ratings being required to serve in the controlled area being drafted from U.K., it is suggested that such ratings are examined before leaving this country.

4. M.D.G. referred.

for
2nd October, 1958.