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CALL WITH KEN AMES IN NYONGBYON

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Dick Libby and Cherie Fitzgerald talked to Ken Ames on Friday morning (8:30 pm on Friday night for Ken). It was an upbeat conversation with quite a bit of information. Thought it would be useful to you.

Staffing Issues.

NAC. Viebrock and Ames have discussed adequate number for NAC. They have mentioned the need for 3 people. Ames and Miles will consider this over the next week as operations expand and decide if three is appropriate. Ken said that Mr. Parker, the new NAC person, is working out very well.

CENTEC. John Newey will be leaving next week. Newey intended to turn over the water treatment system to the next HP person and has learned it will be Chuck Taylor from Oakland. There is no knowledge of Taylor's experience with water treatment. Newey will turn over to Ames. Ames will work with NAC during the week and Taylor upon arrival.

Departures. Jim Viebrock and George Jackson left the site today. Jeff Pope leaves on Monday.

Canning issues.

Friday's Work. Completed canister #79. They will try to load 2 open canisters on Saturday.

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have room for 448, so it is imperative that we can using gridded canisters.] Since we are unsure of the number of gridded vs open canisters needed, NAC and Ken have brainstormed a way to change debris canisters to gridded canisters more easily at the site. Viebrock has the drawings and action for this upon his return. [Note: we currently have 185 gridded and 245 open canisters at the site.]

Security of Unsealed Canisters. Ken said IAEA is being reasonable about the security of the unsealed canisters until they can be safeguarded. Said that when U.S. explained the difficulty with the procedures, they simplified their requirements.

Rack Loading Plan Ken said that he has no plan for rack loading. He mentioned that

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