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To: Office of Congressional Liaison
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Washington, D. C. 20301

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Enclosure from:

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San Francisco, California 94123

Re: Please respond to the constituent's concerns
about nuclear testing on the island of Bikini.

I forward the attached for your consideration.

Your report, in duplicate, along with the return of the enclosure
will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alan Cranston
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Senator Alan Cranston
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April 11, 1978

Representative Paul Rogers
House Subcommittee on Health & Environment
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Rogers:

I believe you are conducting hearings on low level radiation
and the effects of nuclear tests on Bikini.

Any accounts of this testing in the Bikini Islands which I
have read leave me appalled that our government deliberately
contaminates a beautiful area, leaving a people homeless,
poisoning vegetation, water and all life.

What right does our government have to force people to leave
their homes so that dangerous experiments can be made? Then
after letting 100 inhabitants return to the island in 1975,
radiation was still declared too high "in some parts of the
island" for habitation. Then it was discovered that original
reports were in error - that radiation levels in soil and
water were above safety standards, and as a result the replanted
food staples were contaminated. Then in 1977 the island was
declared unsafe for human habitation and is to be totally
evacuated again.

How could such a potentially fatal error happen? Can it be
called an accident? I don't think so. I think our government
cares little about the life of a few human beings compared
with these "all-important tests" on the effect of radiation
on every living thing. The men who are so bent on nuclear power
should act as guinea pigs - they are scientists and can analyze
themselves and their children for the long-range effect of
radiation on the human race and environment. The experimentation
on unknowing people is appalling.

I ask that not only underground testing be banned - as asked by
Leonid Brezhnev - but that all radioactive and nuclear testing
be outlawed. That we transfer that effort and those millions
of taxpayers' money into solar experiments for the good of all
humanity.

Helen Kingstony

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cc: Representative Henry Waxman
Representative John Burton
Senator Alan Cranston

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