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Dear Pete:

This responds to your August 12, letter requesting additional information on earlier payments to individuals or communities affected by the nuclear testing program.

Generally, all funding of this type has been through DOI and/or TTPI. For example, the ex gratia payments to exposed persons on Rongelap, \$10,000 each, and Utirik, \$1,000 each, were made through P.L. 88-854, through DOI, to TTPI, then to each exposed individual or guardian. Thus, to save your time, I suggest you contact Acting Assistant Secretary Kittie Baier for this compilation. DOI/TTPI also has records on individuals who received payments for medical problems such as thyroid abnormalities. The Enewetak and Bikini trust monies were also administered through DOI.

For your general information, subject to correction or supplementation by DOI, we have knowledge of the following Statutory Compensation:

1. Act of August 22, 1964, P.L. 88-854 (78 Stat. 598) provided \$950,000 as compassionate payment to the people of Rongelap for radiation exposures sustained by them as a result of the 1954 Bravo shot. This payment was for general suffering since in 1964 the late effects of thyroid abnormalities had not yet appeared.
2. In 1969, a \$102,000 ex gratia payment was made to the people of Enewetak to compensate them for hardship and suffering due to their removal from Enewetak Atoll in 1947. It should be noted that this was not a statutory act but was provided by transfer of funds from the Air Force to the Department of the Interior. 1/
3. Act of June 13, 1975, P.L. 94-34, provided for an ex gratia payment of \$3 million to the people of Bikini. The Act provided that this payment was to be placed in a Bikini Trust Fund.
4. P.L. 94-367, Department of Defense Military Construction Appropriation Act, 1977, appropriated \$20 million for cleanup of Enewetak Atoll.



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5. P.L. 95-134, Territories of the United States Appropriations Authorization (91 Stat. 1159) authorized \$12,400,000 for rehabilitation and resettlement of Enewetak Atoll. This Act also authorized certain funds to be used by the islands communities of Rongelap, Utirik and Bikini Atolls as well as establishing a table of ex gratia payments for medical injuries to the people of Rongelap and Utirik. The Act also provides for medical care to the fallout victims of Rongelap and Utirik.
6. P.L. 95-348, United States Insular Areas Appropriation Authorization of 1978, under the Bikini Resettlement section authorized an additional \$3,000,000 to be held in trust pursuant to the trust agreement established by P.L. 94-34. This additional \$3,000,000 was appropriated in P.L. 95-467 and placed in the Bikini Trust Fund in 1978. P.L. 95-467 also appropriated \$3,000,000 for Bikini resettlement purposes and these funds have been used for the temporary rehabilitation of Killi following the return of some 145 Bikinians to Killi and Ejit in August 1978 from Bikini Island and for costs incurred in exploration of possible temporary resettlement areas.
7. PL-96-205 of 1980.
8. PL 96-597 of 1980.
- ✓ In 1956, \$175,000 was paid to the people of Enewetak in a "Use Agreement". Of this amount, \$150,000 was placed in a trust fund. At the same time, \$325,000 was given to the people of Bikini in a "Use Agreement" of which \$300,000 was placed in a trust fund. Funds for these "Use Agreements" did not come from specific statutory acts but from monies transferred to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory by the Department of the Navy.

In addition, it is generally agreed that the Enewetak cleanup and rehabilitation project cost DOE, DNA, and the military services about \$100 million in addition to funds specifically appropriated for that purpose.

Specifically, for Bikini, our correspondence shows, again subject to DOI verification, the following:

1956	\$325,000	Trust established
1970	\$2.88 million	Rehabilitation effort to improve living conditions, which includes construction and rehabilitation of housing
1975	\$3 million	Trust established
1978	\$3 million	Added to Trust
1978	\$6 million	Spent for rehabilitation of Killi Food to assist in resettlement of Killi and Ejit
1980	\$1.4 million	<u>ex gratia</u> payment made
1981	\$400,000	Provided for health plan
1982	\$20.6 million	For resettlement trust which also provides cash payments of \$3 million over three years which can be used to continue improving conditions on Killi or to move to another desired location

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\$38,734,000 Total

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I have taken the liberty of giving a copy of your letter to Mr. Larry Morgan of DOI who will probably be involved in any request to DOI for information of this type.

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