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My dear [illegible]:

[illegible] of February 5 regarding [illegible] of the Atomic Energy Commission [illegible] to define [illegible]

[illegible] people that [illegible] return to their atoll [illegible] that steps can be taken [illegible] that immediate steps [illegible] settlement of claims [illegible] Commission's use of [illegible]

[illegible],

[illegible] Davis

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[illegible] information affecting the [illegible] States within the [illegible] Title 18, U.S.C., [illegible] or revelation [illegible] to an unauthorized [illegible] by law.

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[illegible] 5, 1963

Mr. Jam[illegible]
Office of [illegible]
Department of the Interior
Washington [illegible]

[illegible] 3 pages
[illegible] 2 [illegible] AEC-A

Dear Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] January 21, 1963 which [illegible] proposals for continued [illegible] Contingent Danger Area, [illegible] to resolve [illegible] of [illegible] Islands.

[illegible] the work the AEC is [illegible] to do everything in my power [illegible] these proposed moves will be [illegible] people of Bikini and Rongelap [illegible] all Marshallese as these [illegible] that the Bikini and Eniwetok [illegible] residents of those atolls [illegible] of the area of activity will be [illegible] extensions may place any of [illegible] the Bikini people now occupy.

[illegible] limit of the danger area to [illegible] two thirds of Ailinginae Atoll [illegible], although not "inhabited" in the [illegible] domiciled there, is regularly [illegible] of Rongelap and contributes [illegible] It is owned by the Iroij of the [illegible] a separate atoll, it is [illegible] an integral part of Rongelap [illegible] Marshall Islands are poor. The [illegible] inhabitants. The [illegible] from the economic [illegible] critically lowered [illegible] part of the population [illegible] balance of the atoll.

[illegible] DOE AR[illegible]

This [illegible] the national [illegible] States within the [illegible] Title 18, U.S.C. [illegible] Authorized [illegible] law.

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There is [illegible] on their lands will [illegible] in these islands that might [illegible] as was previously pointed [illegible] the exact nature of the [illegible] that the most probable result [illegible] with a consequent reluctance [illegible] by the expectation that the [illegible] for in return for the land that [illegible] for the land cannot [illegible] as money in itself cannot [illegible] people. To them land, and the [illegible] assets which they recognize [illegible] them. Where they [illegible] land crops, and [illegible] appreciation of why [illegible] and variety they are used [illegible] grounds are the only assets [illegible] from fear and want.

[illegible] the reactivation of [illegible] our administration as we have [illegible] at length. We are [illegible] people, but even should land [illegible] they will remain a "[illegible] they can be returned to [illegible] increasingly restless [illegible] present life as time goes by. [illegible] with their lot they are [illegible] their own welfare and [illegible] and the Mars alle[illegible] forward to assimilation [illegible] hallese population because [illegible] which has become stronger with each [illegible] They are strongly resistent [illegible] community and they refuse [illegible] individually to more [illegible] used by the [illegible] I am afraid [illegible]

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[illegible] this extension of the area [illegible] the administration [illegible] expense to counteract [illegible] of homelands, and that [illegible] by the U. S. [illegible] as this fear has [illegible] as a result of the [illegible] are poignantly aware of [illegible] has been evidenced by the [illegible] requesting the return [illegible] of their lands be [illegible] fully aware of is [illegible] very well doubt [illegible]

[illegible] difficult to accept [illegible] even with full reali- [illegible] are doing. I do urge [illegible] the boundaries of the [illegible] in its entirety, [illegible] the Marshalls other than [illegible] boundary at 166° 17' [illegible] accomplished, or the [illegible] to pass to the [illegible] of shore. This would [illegible] the Marshallese of the [illegible] administration [illegible] best, unsettling [illegible]

[illegible] yours,

[illegible] D. [illegible]
[illegible] Commissioner

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