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Dear Mr. Cluff:

Prior to your last visit to Bikini Atoll, you and Mr. William Moore of SWRHL prepared a status report of the cleanup program. This was transmitted to General de Saussure by letter of August 14, 1969. That summary indicated certain things were still to be completed before the radiological cleanup could be considered to be satisfactorily accomplished.

The islands of Jig, King, Love and Mike were surveyed before I left. All background readings were in the 5-10 μ R/hr range and no evidence of contaminated scrap was found.

All radioactive debris from the Dog-George complex had been removed and was ready for disposal at sea.

Removal of debris from Charlie was essentially complete and all radioactive scrap had been marked for disposal.

On all other islands, any work remaining was not concerned with the radiological cleanup, but was more in the nature of beautification efforts.

I have been assured by Joe Merrill that the disposal of debris from Dog-George and Charlie has been accomplished. I am satisfied at this time that the radiological cleanup is complete and JTF-8 may be so notified. Any further efforts on Bikini are a matter of negotiation between JTF-8 and the Trust Territory and do not affect the status of the radiological safety effort.

Sincerely yours,

Allan E. Smith, Chief
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