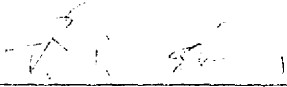


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MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA
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Post Office Box 24
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June 15, 1979

To: The Secretary
Department of Interior
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Nineteenth Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

I, BRYANT S. ZEBEDY, Clerk of the Marshall Islands Nitijela, hereby certify that attached hereto is an accurate and complete copy of Resolution No. _____, which was duly adopted by the Marshall Islands Nitijela in its 1st Constitutional Special Session, on the 14th day of June, 1979.



Bryant S. Zebedy
Clerk of the Marshall Islands Nitijela

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A RESOLUTION

Requesting the government of the United States of America to immediately conduct a radiological survey in the Marshall Islands.

1 WHEREAS, 43 nuclear explosions were detonated by the United
2 States government at Enewetak Atoll between 1948 and 1958, all without
3 the knowledgeable consent of the Marshallese people who were or could
4 have been affected by the contamination produced by those explosions; and

5 WHEREAS, 26 nuclear explosions were detonated by the United
6 States government at Bikini Atoll between 1946 and 1958, all without the
7 knowledgeable consent of the Marshallese people who were or could have
8 been affected by the contamination produced by those explosions; and

9 WHEREAS, the effects of these nuclear explosions have been
10 disastrous, not only to the environments of Bikini and Enewetak, but
11 also to the people in the range of the effects of those explosions
12 beyond Bikini and Enewetak; and

13 WHEREAS, recent radiological data, accumulated by the United
14 States government, indicates an extraordinarily high incidence of
15 apparently radiologically induced physical disorders among Marshallese
16 residents, outside what was originally thought to be the range of
17 contamination caused by the nuclear explosions at Bikini and Enewetak;
18 particularly, on Likiep Atoll and Wotje Atoll; and

19 WHEREAS, Likiep Atoll and Wotje Atoll are approximately 300
20 miles from the sites of the nuclear explosions, great concern and
21 anxiety has spread among the residents of those islands and atolls in
22 the vicinity of the outer range of 300 miles from the nuclear test
23 sites, concerning their own health and well-being and that of their
24 progeny; and

25 WHEREAS, the nuclear tests and the newly discovered apparent
26 effects of those tests constitute a serious departure from the obligations
27 of the United States government to the people of the Marshall Islands,

1 pursuant to Section 3 of Article 6 of Trusteeship Agreement between the
2 United States and the United Nations; and

3 WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the United States
4 government to protect the health of the inhabitants of the Trust
5 Territory; now therefore,

6 IT IS RESOLVED that the United States government, with the
7 participation of the United Nations, immediately embark upon a radiological
8 survey of those waters and land areas in the Marshall Islands, north of
9 latitude 8 degrees North, including all of Namu Atoll, to determine
10 the levels of radioactivity in that area; to determine whether or not
11 there are new cases of contamination among the residents of that area;
12 and to identify those physical disorders in the residents of that area,
13 which may be attributable to the radiological contamination of the
14 environment caused by the nuclear explosions on Bikini and Enewetak.

15 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that complete copies of the findings,
16 conclusions and recommendations resulting from such survey or surveys,
17 be delivered to the government of the Marshall Islands, promptly upon
18 their determination.

19 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution
20 be sent to the President of the United States; the Trusteeship Council
21 of the United Nations; the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of
22 the Pacific Islands; and the Secretary of the Interior of the United
23 States.

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25 Certified, as adopted, this 4th day of June, 1979.

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Attested: _____

Bryant S. Zebedy, Clerk