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As you can see, the people of Utirik are very distressed and angry as a result of the radiation. The people feel that the ENDA Program is in need of vast changes.

Thank you very much,

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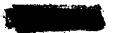
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