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Dear George:

This is in response to your letter of January 3, 1969, on the availability of a small nuclear power plant for Bikini and the status of the sunken ships in the lagoon. Following is a summary of the information on these subjects which Tommy McCraw and I passed on to you by phone.

The Atomic Energy Commission does not possess any small nuclear power plant of the type that would be suitable for the Bikini community. However, the AEC has developed small nuclear power plants for Army application. The Army contact for obtaining information on these units is Colonel Robert L. Ednie or Mr. Ralph Harden, Nuclear Power Division, Office of Chief Army Engineers, telephone 11-72228.

On the sunken ships, the AEC does have information on the number and location of these ships. However, the AEC would need to obtain more information on the radiation levels of the vessels before any judgement could be made on the hazards of salvage. This effort would entail some expense.

On another subject, I am pleased to inform you that the AEC has consummated a memorandum of understanding with DOD on the Bikini cleanup. A copy of this paper is enclosed for your information.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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