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Dr. Bruce W. Wachholz Office of Environment Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Dr. Wachholz:

I am enclosing copies of two complaints relating to radiation problems in the Marshall Islands which were sent to this Office by the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Regional Office, San Francisco, California.

We acknowledged receipt of the letters and indicated that we would bring them to the attention of appropriate officials in the Department of Energy.

One letter is from a Mr. Giff Johnson whose return address was not included. He forwarded a copy of a letter of complaint addressed to Mr. Roger Ray, DOE, from the Council of Utirik and dated July 9, 1976. It is our impression here that the July 9, 1976, letter was answered by appropriate officials of DOE several years ago. Giff Johnson was at one time associated with a "Friends of Micronesia" unit in Hawaii.

The other letter is from a Marshallese girl from Ebeye, Darlene Keju, who is attending school in Hawaii. Some of her complaints, you will note, also echo the ones made in the July 9, 1976, letter. We have acknowledged her letter and a copy of our reply to her is enclosed for your information also.

George R. Milner

Acting Director

Sincerely yours

Office of Territorial Affairs

Enclosures