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Honorable Edward E. Johnston  
High Commissioner  
Trust Territory of the Pacific  
Islands  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

LEGAL MATTERS

Dear High Commissioner Johnston:

Attached to this letter you will find a resolution from the people of Ujelang, formerly the residents of Eniwetak atoll in the Marshall Islands. The resolution asks that the Department of Defense, and only the Department of Defense, be in charge of the clean up and rehabilitation of our home atoll of Eniwetak.

Since regular communication is not available to Ujelang atoll, we ask that you direct any response to our resolution to our attorneys -- Micronesian Legal Services, Box 376, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960.

Sincerely yours,

*Smith Gideon*  
Smith Gideon, Magistrate

cc: Secretary of Defense  
Secretary of Interior ✓

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RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
PEOPLE OF ENIWETAK

Because the rehabilitation and restoration of Eniwetak Atoll is the utmost importance to the future well being of the people of Eniwetak; and

Because the resettlement of the People of Eniwetak Atoll at the earliest possible time is greatly desired; and

Because it is the considered opinion of the People of Eniwetak that the Department of Defense is better able to clean, rehabilitate and reconstruct the Atoll than the Trust Territory and Department of Interior; and

Because one single government agency can best organize and control the rehabilitation project;

Now therefore it is resolved that the People of Eniwetak respectfully request the United States Government to designate the Department of Defense to carry out the responsibility of rehabilitation, restoration of Eniwetak Atoll and resettlement of the People in cooperation with the People of Eniwetak;

It is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior and the High Commissioner.

I, Smith Gideon, Magistrate of the People of Eniwetak, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the leaders and by the People of Eniwetak and was duly adopted this 16 day of April, 1973, at Ujelang Atoll.

*Smith Gideon*  
Smith Gideon, Magistrate

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