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Dear Dr. Ray,

Your letter of August 2nd is appreciated. I am confident all viewpoints will be fairly presented and I have full confidence in the objectivity of the Commission. Since my letter to you of 7 June 1974, we have accepted the AEC staff position on the radiological criteria and the advisory controls necessary for return of the people to Enewetak Atoll. Consequently, I see no reason for me to meet with the Commission.

While I am disappointed that you will be unable to personally make the trip, I am pleased that you concur in a joint trip for the initial presentation of our reports to the Enewetak people and their representatives. In coordination with your staff and that of the Director of Territorial Affairs of the Department of the Interior, we are proceeding with arrangements for the trip as well as for a predeparture briefing to be held during the latter part of this month.

At the present time congressional action on our Fiscal Year 1975 budget request for the cleanup project appears uncertain. Although the Defense Nuclear Agency has been informally assured by the Senate staff that our request will be favorably considered, it unfortunately met with substantial resistance in the House Subcommittees. We hope this will be overcome by some aggressive action we have undertaken. If not, the trip in September may have to be delayed.

Sincerely,

WARREN D. JOHNSON
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director