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Hon. Adrian P. Winkel  
High Commissioner  
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Pacific Islands  
Saipan, Mariana Islands

Dear Mr. Winkel:

Thank you for the preliminary report on the "Bikini Feeding Program" sent with your letter of October 24, 1977. I shall look forward to the more detailed summary of the results of your meeting in Majuro with the Bikini Council on October 14, 1977.

The recommendations in the preliminary report appear to be well thought out and if regular implementation can be achieved in view of the logistic difficulties, the proposals should take care of the feeding problem faced by the present residents on Bikini Island. There is one notation, though, in section two of the "Preliminary Report" which is not quite clear. This is the handwritten notation on population breakdown on page two of the "Cost Estimate Section" of the Report. It is as follows:

Bikinians

Population Data

	<u>On Bikini</u>	<u>On Kili</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of people	112	40	152
No. of family units	24	8	32

The first part of the Report indicates that the current on-island Bikini population will not increase (except for new births and additional government personnel on temporary duty specifically authorized by the District Administrator and/or the High Commissioner). My question, then, relates to the 40 people listed as being on Kili. Will these be allowed to join

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their family groups presently on Kili? It is our understanding, from the meetings here with Representative Ataji Balos and the Kili representatives, that a group of relatives of approximately this size has been trying to join their relatives. In short, will the program be dealing with the present group of 112 now on Bikini Island or a new total of 152?

I am also sending a copy of the proposed feeding program to Dr. Conard for his comment indicating, of course, that it is still in a preliminary stage. For the past two years, he has been very much concerned on the lack of vitamins in the children's diet on Bikini Island and regularly he has recommended vitamin supplements for the small children. This, unfortunately never seems to have occurred. The proposed feeding program and suggested menus appear to us to remedy the situation, but it might be well to have the problem of the very young children considered in view of past deficiencies.

Sincerely yours,

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