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The Honorable William R. Norwood
High Commissioner, Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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Dear Mr. Norwood:

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated September 29, 1967, addressed to LTCOL C. D. Walters, Jr., Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, concerning the Use and Occupancy Agreements for Bikini and Eniwetok Atolls.

The originals of both of these Agreements were forwarded to the Commander, Air Force Western Test Range, Vandenberg AFB by letter from this Command dated October 3, 1967. A copy of this letter is attached as enclosure (1). It will be noted that paragraph 4. of enclosure (1) states that the next review of the need for the two Atolls is scheduled for June 1970. It is realized that this statement is in conflict with the records of your Office.

However, by letter dated November 3, 1964 (copy attached as enclosure (2)), the High Commissioner requested a list of areas in the Trust Territory which records of this Command show to be military retention areas. By reply thereto dated January 15, 1965 (copy attached as enclosure (3)) this Command listed 27 Agreements and 2 Assignments of 99-year leases as military retention areas. Two other Agreements covering lands on the Islands of Eniwetak and Ennugarrett, Kwajalein Atoll, dated May 20, 1963 and June 24, 1963, respectively, are due for initial review during June 1968.

It had been assumed that action reflected by enclosures (2) and (3) provided the joint five year review of the continuing need for use of the islands covered by the Agreements and lease assignments. Your concurrence with this assumption is requested. A letter to that effect will be considered sufficient documentation of the continuance of the Agreements and lease assignments.

Very truly yours,

W. M. HEAMAN
Rear Admiral
Civil Engineer Corps
U. S. Navy
Commander

Encl:
(1) COMPACDIV ltr ser 10091 of 3 Oct 1967
(2) HICOMTERPACIS ltr of 3 Nov 1964
(3) COMPACDIV ltr ser 246 of 15 Jan 1965

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