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August 5, 1976

Mr. Oscar DeBrum  
Distad Marshall Islands  
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Dear Mr. DeBrum,

Following our discussion of August 4, 1976 of the recent finding of plutonium in urine samples from some of the people at Bikini you asked for advice regarding further Bikini resettlement. Specifically you informed me that you have temporarily delayed the return to Bikini of approximately 50 Bikinians until you might consult further with ERDA officials.

This letter is to advise you that although we must obtain and evaluate much more information before a final assessment of the plutonium information can be made, the information which we now have at hand gives us no reason to change our recommendations regarding resettlement.

We see no reason to further delay the return of additional people to Bikini Atoll provided the existing dietary and other restrictions are carefully followed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Roger Ray

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