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Dr. Clem T. Seaborg, Chairman
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Dr. Seaborg:

Following the President's recent announcement on the proposal to return to Bikini the former residents of that atoll, Secretary Hall received from Dr. Ernst S. Reese, Associate Professor of Zoology at the University of Hawaii, a letter suggesting reconsideration of the proposal to reduce the present population of coconut crabs in Bikini Atoll. A copy of Dr. Reese's letter is enclosed for your information.

This Department, as well as High Commissioner Rowood of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, would very much appreciate having the benefit of your comments with respect to the suggestions offered by Dr. Reese.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve

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Enclosure

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