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Mr. James J. Leonard  
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Dear Mr. Leonard:

This is in response to your letter of June 23 to the Acting Budget Officer regarding the continuation of the cleanup work now underway at Bikini. Your letter requested a reimbursable order in the amount of \$700,000 to cover estimated cleanup expenses applicable to fiscal year 1970. You stated that receipt of such an order by the Project Manager will permit the use of the applicable Department of Defense Appropriation to serve as the Account of Original Charge under the provisions of the Joint Congressional Continuing Resolution.

There is pending before the Congress in the Department of the Interior fiscal year 1970 appropriation request, a total of \$700,000 for Bikini cleanup work. It had been the Department's intention to transfer this sum, or such parts as may be required, to the Defense Atomic Support Agency to complete the cleanup work which your agency began last February using funds contributed by the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission. Unfortunately the 1970 Interior Appropriation Act is not likely to be enacted before the beginning of the fiscal year. Accordingly, we should appreciate the continuation of the cleanup work by your agency under any applicable Joint Congressional Continuing Resolution which may be enacted. This letter will represent a commitment to reimburse DASA for cleanup work, subject to the availability of funds appropriated in 1970 for this purpose, up to a maximum of \$700,000.

Sincerely yours,

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