

This is again because of the poison from the radio active fall out from the H-Bomb.

In the Marshall Islands, we have a big transportation problem. Therefore, in the case of Ronglap Atoll, the people are almost starved to death when there is no boat or field trip to the atoll within two or three months. This is because the islanders can no longer depend on their local foods because they are still poisoned. In fact, they depend only on foreign imported food, which is very hard for them to buy on the account of their very low salaries, and above all only a few people are hired because jobs are rare and limited.

Would you consider that it is right to bring these dangerous nuclear weapons such as bombs and missiles and test them in the Marshall Islands? Would you please give me your opinion on this matter of concern?

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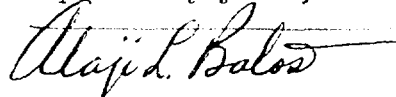
Of course, the people of the United States are our best friends in the world, and we, the Marshallese people, would be pleased to cooperate with you in every way. However, I would be frank with you that the only way we Marshallese people would strongly disagree with you is that we don't want these dangerous nuclear weapons to be brought to our islands and tested. It is true that we are very much afraid of the nuclear weapons, and this is our only great complaint against United States.

Probably you know that our islands are very small and do not rise much above the sea, and we have only a few local foods to depend on. When some of these islands are affected and poisoned by radio activity, many people become homeless and are in danger of starving to death. Wouldn't you consider this is more or less like a punishment for us; although we haven't done anything against you, but only try to cooperate with you?

I would like to invite you to come and visit our islands sometime.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully yours,



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