September 30, 1954

Honorable Walter Dedell Smith Acting Secretary Department of State

Dear Mr. Smith:

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I have received your letter of September 11, together with copies of letters from Ambaseador Lodge and Mr. Mason Sears, all referring to the recent discussions in the United Nations of nuclear tests in the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

The Commission is deeply conscious of the importance of fulfilling the commitments made in respect to the conduct of future tests in the Pacific and to the responsibility of the United States Government in expeditiously discharging its responsibility to the inhabitants of the Marshall Islands. I wish to assure you that the Commission is continuing actively to discharge its own share of these responsibilities. In order to reply in detail to your letter, I have seked the appropriate divisions within the Commission to review, as a matter of urgency, the activities undertaken or contemplated by the Commission on these matters, and I will be in touch with you further in the very near future. CIASSIFICATION CARTO

Sincerely yours,

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