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Dear Senator Burdick:

On March 12 I wrote to you concerning the people of Kili and their desire to return to their former home atoll, Bikini. You will recall that Senator Clifford Case had heard from two of his constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Jenkins, Peace Corps Volunteers working on Kili, urging the return of these people to Bikini. Mr. Jenkins has also written to the United Nations Trusteeship Council on this matter.

In my letter of March 12 I said that we had been unable to clarify the September 1966 statement attributed to High Commissioner Norwood by Mr. Jenkins that the Kili people could very soon return to Bikini. I have now received a copy of Mr. Norwood's letter, which is enclosed for your information. I believe that Mr. Norwood so qualified his comments that the promise of an early return cannot reasonably be inferred from his letter.

Sincerely yours,

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