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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Two Park Avenue,  
New York, New York,  
August 26, 1954.

Dear Foster:

Before going off to Africa with the United Nations Visiting Mission, Mason Sears brought to my attention the vital importance which he attaches to the United States' carrying out promises made, in both public and private, to the Marshall Islanders in connection with our atomic experiments. Attached is a letter from him on this matter, expressing views with which I heartily concur.

It seems to me that we cannot hope to carry out an effective program in the United Nations, and especially in the Assembly this coming Fall, if the United States is so vulnerable to charges not just from the Soviets and their crew, but from the Indians and similar neutralists, that our promises to compensate the Marshallese and to arrange to protect them from future dangers springing from atomic experiments are so much sound and fury signifying nothing.

Attacks of the kind the Soviets and Indians will make must be met head-on, and with as convincing a record as is possible. Now that so much time has elapsed since our promises were made, restoring the record to a balance favorable to us will not be easy. However I am convinced that an active program by the State Department pursued with the other agencies of the Government could give the tangible results needed to honor our commitments.

Faithfully yours,

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

The Honorable  
John Foster Dulles,  
Secretary of State.

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