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Honorable Carl F. Durham
Chairman, Joint Committee on
Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Durham:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 1, 1957, concerning the repatriation of the Bengalese to their home island. At that time, I noted that we expected that it would be possible to return them by early summer.

I am pleased to inform you that the reconstruction of homes and other facilities on Rongelap have been completed and the inhabitants were returned on June 29, 1957. *has*

The Rongelap Council members and the representatives of the Trust Territory Administration have expressed their thorough satisfaction with the planning, construction, and the manner in which the repatriation was carried out.

Sincerely yours,

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General Manager

Identical letters sent to GAC and MLC

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