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Lt. General Carroll M. Dunn, USA
Director, Defense Nuclear Agency
Washington, D. C. 20305

Dear General Dunn:

During the period November 3 to November 25, 1972, a detachment of HMM 462 of Marine Air Group 36 provided helicopter support to the Atomic Energy Commission in a radiological survey of Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This survey is an essential step toward ultimate rehabilitation and repopulation of the islands of Eniwetok.

The HMM 462 Eniwetok Detachment, under command of Captain G. T. Schmidt, USMC, arrived on Kwajalein by LST lift on November 3 and was joined there by engineers and technicians of the AEC and its contractor. By the following day, the two helicopters were operational with radiation detectors, electronic data processing systems, and photographic equipment installed. Calibration and familiarization flights were made at Kwajalein from November 4 through 6, and on November 8 both helicopters staged to Eniwetok, recording radiological data on the arrival flight. From November 8 to November 24, every scheduled mission was flown as requested with a high degree of technical success. Having made a preliminary review of the data obtained, we recognize that we have proven out a valuable new surveillance capability.

I am informed by our Survey Field Manager that the performance of the Detachment was consistently outstanding. The motivation, professionalism, and enthusiasm of all attached personnel made major contributions to a highly successful mission wherein the operational sorties totaled more than twice the original estimate.

I take this means of expressing to you the Commission's appreciation for the exceptional contribution of the HMM 462 Eniwetok Detachment and for the staff and logistic support which made it possible.

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Please convey my personal gratitude to the individuals involved in your organization as well as in the Pacific Fleet and Seventh Fleet organizations who made it all such a successful and timely operation.

Sincerely,

(Signed)
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