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SUBJ: MEETING WITH THE DRI-ENEWETAK COUNCIL.

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING OUR LONCHEON TOGETHER ON 12 OCT, WE COVERED SEVERAL ISSUES WHICH WE FELT NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THEN DISCUSSED WITH THE DRI-ENEWETAK COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IN ORDER TO MAKE DECISIONS SO THAT THE CLEANUP AND REHABILITATION OF ENEWETAK WILL NOT BE DELAYED. THE SPECIFIC ISSUES WERE THE POSSIBILITY OF EARLY RESETTLEMENT BY THE PEOPLE ON ENEWETAK AND THE QUESTIONS OF WHERE TO PLANT SOME 14,000 COCONUT SEEDLINGS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED FOR PLANTING IN THE NORTHEASTERN ISLANDS OF THE ATOLL.
2. REGARDING THIS SECOND ISSUE, WE ALL AGREED THAT NO ALTERNATIVE SHOULD BE OVERLOOKED, TO INCLUDE PERHAPS PLANTING ON ENJEBI NOW THAT THE LEVEL OF TRANSURANICS WILL BE REDUCED TO A LEVEL WHICH SHOULD PERMIT FUTURE RESIDENCE ON THAT ISLAND. IN THIS CONNECTION, I HAVE SENT A LETTER TO MRS. RUTH CLUSEN, ASST SECRETARY

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FOR ENVIRONMENT, DOE, REQUESTING THAT SHE HAVE HER STAFF REEXAMINE THE NORTHEASTERN ISLAND PLANTING USING DATA OBTAINED BY ANALYZING THE SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE CLEANUP AS OPPOSED TO RELYING ONLY UPON THE DATA IN THE 1972 SURVEY. I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN EARLY TO MID-NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO HELP US MAKE MORE REASSURING DECISIONS ON THIS MATTER.

3. DURING OUR DISCUSSION, I INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE DRI-ENEWETAK COUNCIL PRIOR TO MY PLANNED VISIT ON 4-6 DECEMBER. THEN, SINCE YOU BOTH INDICATED THAT YOU WOULD DESIRE TO JOIN ME ON THE TRIP, WE COULD TAKE SOME TIME WITH THE PEOPLE AND ATTEMPT TO JOINTLY ARRIVE AT A DECISION CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN BY:

A. ENSURING THAT BOAT TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE TO BRING THE COUNCIL AND SUCH OTHERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FROM UJELANG ATOLL TO ENEWETAK NLT 28 NOV. THIS WOULD PROVIDE TIME FOR OUR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO BRING THESE SEVERAL ISSUES AND YOUR PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO THEIR ATTENTION AND PERMIT THEM TIME TO THINK ABOUT THEM PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

B. COORDINATION WITH THE DRI-ENEWETAK COUNCIL AND PEOPLE TO GET THEIR AGREEMENT FOR SUCH MEETINGS.

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