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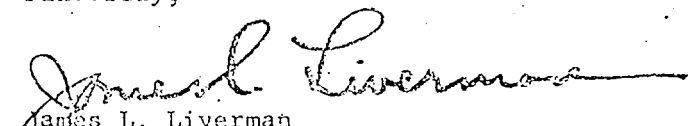
Senator Olympio T. Borja, Chairman
Special Joint Committee Concerning
Rongelap and Utirik Atolls
Congress of Micronesia
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Senator Borja:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 1975, concerning the attitude of the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) toward additional compensation for the people of Rongelap and Utirik. As noted in your letter, recommendations of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) relative to this matter were stated in my letter of August 7, 1974, to Mr. Thomas D. Dunmire, Staff Consultant to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives. The transition involved in the absorption of relevant components of the AEC into the new agency, ERDA, has not affected the agency policy in this regard. I can, therefore, reiterate the views expressed in my letter of August 7.

I share your wish to continue the excellent working relationship that we have enjoyed in the past.

Sincerely,


James L. Liverman
Assistant Administrator
for Environment and Safety



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