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Re: Medical treatment
People of Utirik - victims of atomic radiation

Dear Sirs;

This office has just received a communication from our clients on Utirik Atoll indicating that they were not visited by the ERDA Quarterly Medical Survey Team during the June or September scheduled surveys.

Neither the people of Utirik, nor this office were given any notice or reasons for cancellation of these visits. After the extreme hardships that these people have already incurred over the past 23 years, this kind of omission is astonishing. This office demands an explanation for the cancellation of the June and September surveys.

The people of Utirik desperately need these medical surveys. During the March survey, four more residents displayed symptoms of thyroid tumors. This office is quite

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sure that you are aware of the consequences to these people if they do not receive the necessary medical attention.


Are these people included in President Carter's Human Rights program?

Very truly yours,


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cc: Glenn Alcalay, Former Peace Corps Volunteer
Dr. Konrad Kotrady, Director of Family Practice Center
Ataji Balos, Marshall Islands Political Status Commission
John Heine, Congressman of Micronesia
Larry Pryor, Los Angeles Times

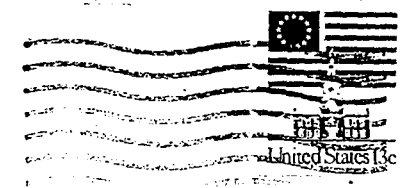
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