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President Amata Kabua  
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Dear President Kabua:

This is a follow-up to my letter of June 15, 1979, to Mr. Anton DeBrum, Secretary of Foreign Affairs with respect to the proposed medical survey of the people of Likiep Atoll.

We have been in constant contact with Department of Energy officials on this proposed survey. The Assistant Secretary for Environment, Mrs. Ruth C. Clusen, has informed us that the Department of Energy is attempting to schedule a visit by the Brookhaven medical team to Likiep as soon as it is feasible to do so. We will keep you informed of developments.

In the meantime, the Department of Energy has asked if the Department of the Interior could provide a list of those people who were resident on the island during March 1954. When Mr. Anton DeBrum, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, raised the question of a Likiep medical survey during his recent visit to Washington, he indicated that he would undertake to have such a list developed. It would be appreciated if your office could provide such a list as soon as possible for the use of the Department of Energy.

Sincerely yours,

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