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Mr. Oscar De Brum
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Marshalls District
Majuro, Marshall Islands
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Dear Mr. De Brum:

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You are probably aware of the Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory (EMBL) which is a facility that has been supported by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission for the past nineteen years. This laboratory was founded by Dr. Robert Hiatt of the University of Hawaii, who directed it until 1970 when I took over in the capacity of Director. Since plans are being made for the cleanup of Eniwetok Atoll, we are anxious to determine the future of EMBL and its programs.

Earlier this year I met with members of the Eniwetok Council at which time it was confirmed that they were favorably disposed to having the laboratory continue to operate following the islands rehabilitation and resettlement. A statement regarding EMBL's possible future involvement in the Eniwetok community is included in Holmes and Harver's Eniwetok Atoll Master Plan (Vol. I, Nov. 1973), and my colleague in marine biology, Dixie Lee Ray, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has indicated that the AEC will maintain an interest in the Marshall Islands for an indefinite period.

In order to plan the future operation of EMBL in an effective manner, I have asked some of the decision makers from the AEC to join me on Eniwetok on January 30th in a site reconnaissance and planning conference. In addition to Drs. Charles Osterberg, William Forster, Nathaniel Barr and Mr. Roger Ray of the AEC, I have invited Dr. Hiatt (now President of the University of Alaska) and Mr. Glen Fredholm and Mr. William Coops of the University of Hawaii. Following our visit to Eniwetok (and possibly Bikini) we would like to come to Majuro and discuss the future activities of EMBL with you and representatives of the Marshallese people, particularly those representing the Eniwetakese. We plan to be in Majuro either 5 - 7 February or 7 - 9 February, depending upon whether we can arrange a charter flight to Bikini.

I would be most grateful if you could find time to meet with us to exchange ideas on the Eniwetok plan and to have those who you feel

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should be involved also attend. I have already contacted Jack Tobin on this matter as I have known of his interest in the Eniwetok people for some time.

I thank you in advance for helping to arrange this meeting, and I look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

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