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MEMORANDUM TO JOSEPH DiSTEFANO

FROM:

Stephen H. Greenleigh
STEPHEN H. GREENLEIGH

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 177 OF THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

In reviewing a copy of the subject signed Agreement which was received by my office on June 14, I discovered what appears to be a significant omission. Article 1 of the Agreement provides that "The Government of the United States shall provide on a grant basis \$30 million. . ." without restriction. Presumably this grant is intended to be used by the Marshall Islands Government to include in its integrated, comprehensive and universal medical health-care system the health care and surveillance programs and radiological monitoring activities contemplated by Public Laws 95-134 and 96-205, as was provided in the Proposed Statement of Principles. Unfortunately, however, the Agreement language in no way defines the intended use of the grant of \$30 million and no other provisions appear to cover the health care of the Marshallese. Unless the intended use of this grant is so specified, the United States arguably will be legally as well as morally required to continue its existing health care programs. This could be an issue of great sensitivity when the Agreement is considered by Congress. Hopefully the omission of the intended use of the grant can be clarified in an agreed supplement to the Agreement prior to the plebiscite in August.

One way of initiating such a clarification effort would be for the Department to transmit as soon as possible a formal communication of our concerns to the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations. If I can be of assistance to you in that effort, please let me know.

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The sum of \$66 million (the distribution) for the benefit of the people of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap and Utirik.

(a) The Government of the United States shall provide \$33 million of the distribution by the first anniversary of this Agreement and \$6.6 million annually thereafter for each of the next five years.

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(1) those earnings derive from investment in instruments of the Government of the United States and other investments as may otherwise be mutually agreed; and

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Article VII

The Government of the United States has concluded that:

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Article VIII

The Government of the Marshall Islands intends to conduct the study and survey referred to in Section 1(b) of Article III of this Agreement in order to confirm these conditions. If, based on this study and survey, the Government of the Marshall Islands concludes that the facts are materially, substantially and adversely different from those set forth in the studies cited in Article VII of this Agreement, the Government of the United States and the Government of the Marshall Islands shall resolve the issue exclusively through the means of Article II of Title Four of the Compact.

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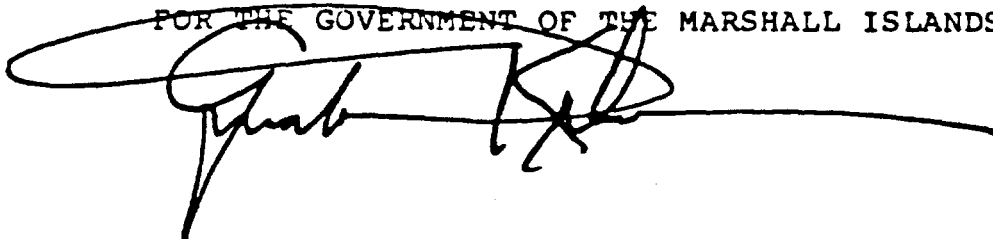
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized for this purpose have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii, in duplicate, this 30th day of May, one thousand nine hundred eighty-two.

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