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Marshalls

TO : District Administrator, Marshalls
Thru : District Director Public Affairs
: Community Development Officer

DATE: November 1, 1972

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FROM : Community Development Advisor

SUBJECT : Special Assignment of Community Development Advisor on Enewetak

I proceeded to Enewetak via Honolulu on October 11, 1972 in accordance with Deputy High Commissioner's request in response to requests for my services from the Atomic Energy Commission.

While in Honolulu a brief visit was made with Dr. Philip Helfrich at the Institute of Marine Biology of the University of Hawaii on Coconut Island, Kaneohe. Mr. Roger Ray, Assistant Manager for Operations, U.S.A.E.C. from Las Vegas, Nevada, Dr. Walter Nervik, Technical Director from the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, and Mr. William Streenan, Acting Manager of the Honolulu A.E.C. Office had requested the meeting. They outlined their survey program and their plans and needs to Dr. Helfrich who is in charge of the marine laboratory on Enewetak.

I departed Enewetak Island in a small craft at 0830 on 10/15/72 to make a sight survey of the other islands of the atoll. I accompanied Dr. Nervik, Mr. Ray, Mr. Alan Futral, DNA (DOD) representative from Washington, D.C. and two technicians, and Mr. Earl Gilmore, Holmes and Narver Company representative from Las Vegas, Nevada.

The purpose of the trip was to make a brief, preliminary sight survey in order to estimate the scope and duration of the radiological survey and the cleanup operation. My opinion was asked regarding probably living patterns and patterns and extent of utilization of the natural resources by the returning Enewetak people. I was also asked about the probable wishes of the people in regard retention of buildings, materials, and man made facilities.

I offered whatever information I felt pertinent but emphasized that this was my own opinion and was not official, nor representative of the Enewetak People. I emphasized that the AEC and other planners must meet with the people before any policy is made. The officials seemed to understand and agreed that this would be the policy. I also emphasized the need of constant liaison with and consultation with District Administrator Marshalls by the AEC and other officials who will be involved in the rehabilitation of Enewetak Atoll. The officials also concurred with this.

I will not go into details about the condition of the various islands. You visited them recently. The PACE program has apparently ceased temporarily in obedience to the legal injunctions. The heavy equipment was being taken off of Runit while I was there and some of the personnel have been sent back to their original duty stations. Others have been assigned to support the radiological survey of Enewetak.

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As you know, Jabtan Island (David) is in good condition. There many coconut trees, some of which are bearing. The island is relatively free of useless debris. There are a number of buildings that can be refurbished at little cost and effort. With the addition of guttering and water catchment units a large

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number of the Enewetak People can be comfortably housed on the island. The total environment of Jabtan is a very pleasant and natural one.

As you also know, Medren Island (Parry) has large numbers of buildings and materials that will be of use to the returnees. In fact it is a veritable treasure island of these valuable materials. I emphasized the fact that the Enewetak People will need and want these materials and that they have so stated. The AEC and Holmes and Narver representatives appeared to be sympathetic to this position. They so phrased their comments and questions. e.g. "I suppose the people will want this building." etc.,etc.

The Holmes and Narver representatives evaluated all structures in terms of safety, that is structural safety. I told them that the Enewetak People will want all salvable material on the atoll. I recommended that the same procedure be followed on Enewetak in the Cleanup operation as was done on Bikini. That is, Enewetak men should be hired to stack and set aside all loose building and other useful materials, and such materials from buildings that will be torn down because they are unsafe structurally. These materials will be the property of the Enewetak People, as were the materials on Bikini the property of the Bikini People. I feel this policy to be both equitable and practical.

In discussion of the above subject it should be noted that Mr. Joe Rotholz, Trust Territory Headquarters Community Development Engineer arrived on Enewetak on the plane in which I departed. He stated that he planned to make a survey of the buildings and materials on the atoll, in company with the Holmes and Narver representatives. The latter had no prior knowledge of his impending arrival. Mr. Rotholz remained on Enewetak for almost a week on this assignment.

During the remainder of my time on the atoll I gave two lectures with question and answer sessions at the request of Mr. Ray. The subject was the history and the culture of the Enewetak People, their removal from the atoll and their life on Ujilang. I discussed the way of life of the people, their pattern of living, their exploitation of the environment and the economy, and their attitudes toward the atoll home and need to return. The lectures were well received.

I also made a preliminary report in response to Dr. Nervik's request and written questions. I have submitted these data with a covering letter dated 10/31/72. I departed Enewetak for Kwajalein on 10/18/72 and arrived the same day. I spent the remainder of my time on Kwajalein while awaiting transportation to Majuro on Community Development business. I returned to Majuro on 10/27/72.

Jack A. Tobin

cc Mr. Roger Ray, U.S.A.E.C., Las Vegas, Nev.
Dr. Walter E. Nervik, LLL, Livermore, Calif.
Deputy High Commissioner
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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS Office of the District Administrator,
Marshall Islands

TO : District Administrator, Marshall Islands
Thru : District Director Public Affairs
: Community Development Officer

DATE: October 30, 1972

FROM : Community Development Advisor

SUBJECT: Dr. Mervik's letter dtd 14 October 1972, attached.
My reply to above letter dtd 16 October 1972, attached.

Dr. Mervik asked me for specific information regarding the Eniwetok People now on Ujilang Atoll. This information is required in order to properly evaluate the radiological data which will result from the present radiological survey of Eniwetok Atoll.

I answered his questions to the best of my ability with the information at hand at the time. However more specific data must come from the District Center. It may be necessary to obtain these data from the Ujilang Community on Ujilang Atoll. I will attempt to gather as much data possible locally.

I recommend that AEC officials involved, and you and appropriate members of your staff visit the Ujilang Community early in the program to explain the survey, the overall program, including plans for rehabilitation and re-settlement to the people there. This will establish rapport with them, will dispel false rumors, rectify erroneous information, will clarify the situation, and supply information. Such a meeting will make the people feel, and know, that their wishes are of utmost importance. The input of information by the Eniwetok People, and their comments will be of great value and assistance to all concerned in the future of Eniwetok Atoll and the Eniwetok People.

I recommend frequent visits to Ujilang by those in charge of this work, accompanied by your representatives of course. I also recommend frequent visits, as deemed appropriate, to Eniwetok by leaders from Ujilang Atoll during the course of the work of rehabilitation of Eniwetok to ensure maximum participation of the people who will return permanently to that atoll. This is both an equitable and practical approach.

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