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Marshalla

TO : District Administrator, Marshalla
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 Enwetak 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 Enwetak 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 those 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 resettlement 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 Enwetak People, and their comments will be of great value and assistance to all concerned in the future of Enwetak Atoll and the Enwetak 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 Enwetak by leaders from Ujilang Atoll during the course of the work of rehabilitation of Enwetak 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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