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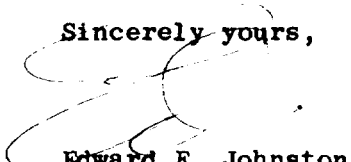
Dear Mr. Bonnet:

To help us in our Bikini resettlement program, we need whatever information the Atomic Energy Commission can provide us regarding the radiological safety of the Peter-Oboe-Tare complex of islands. As we recall, this string of islands was being discussed further in hopes that it would be declared safe for continuous habitation.

In two weeks members of my staff will be attending a planning meeting in Majuro with the Bikini leadership to determine when families may actually be returned to their atoll. We would like to be able to report on the Peter-Oboe-Tare complex at that time.

Please advise us on the status of these islands at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for your continuing cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,



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High Commissioner

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