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Mr. E. J. ...  
Director of ...  
Department of ...  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. ...

I have discussed your letter of February 5 regarding the AEC's ... of the Atomic Energy Commission. I have advised the ... to define the ...

It is my hope that the ... will return to their ... that steps can be taken ... that immediate ... by settlement of ... use of ...

NRG made

... information affecting the ... with the ... 18, U.S.C., ... to an unauthorized ... by law.

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January 5, 1953

Mr. James H. Denny, Director  
Office of Development  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D.C.

Enclosed are 2 pages  
Serial No. 2  
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Dear Mr. Denny:

We believe of your letter of January 21, 1953 which  
formulates the AEC's policy for continued  
use of Bikini and Eniwetok as a danger area, and  
proposes to extend the danger area to include the  
atolls of Rongelap and Rongerik.

It is my opinion that the work the AEC  
is doing is commendable and we are to do everything in my  
power to assist you in your work. The proposed moves will  
be of vital importance to the people of Bikini and  
Rongerik. We will aim to keep them all Marshallese as  
these people are well aware of the fact that the Bikini and  
Eniwetok people have had to leave their former residents of those  
atolls. It is our hope that the extension may place  
any of the people who have been displaced from the Bikini people now  
occupying

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The extension of the danger area  
to include the atolls of Rongelap  
and Rongerik is a very important  
step in the protection of the  
people of Bikini and Eniwetok.  
The people of Rongelap and Rongerik  
are well aware of the fact that  
the Bikini and Eniwetok people  
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Their reaction to the question of their dependence on their lands will be of the order of the reaction of the people in these islands that might result from the introduction of a new crop as was previously pointed out. While it is difficult to predict the exact nature of the reaction, it is probable that the most probable result will be that the people will be reluctant with a consequent reluctance to deal for the introduction of a new crop by the expectation that the introduction will be a failure and for their return for the land that they have taken. Moreover, the reaction for the land cannot be expected to be purely financial as money in itself cannot mean anything to the people. To them land, and the things that grow on it, are the only assets which they recognize. They are dependent on their land for their food, and their only source of income is from the sale of their crops, and their only source of security is from the appreciation of why they will always buy for their land and variety they are used to. The only land that they have on the grounds are the only assets that they possess. They are afraid of fear and want.

... the reactivation of ... our administration ... at length. ... but even should ... they will remain a ... they can be returned ... increasingly restless and dissatisfied with their present life as time goes by. ... satisfaction with their lot ... their own welfare and ... and the ... forward to assimilation ... population ... has become stronger with each ... they are strongly resistant to ... and they refuse to ... individually to more ... used of ... I am afraid that ... with them.

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...this extension of the area of administration, the administration will be required to consider the expense to counteract social and political problems of nonlands, and that will be a heavy financial burden by the U. S. government. This is a serious condition as this fear has already been established in some areas as a result of the activities of the... as poignantly aware of the... has been evidenced by the actions of... is requesting the return of... of their lands be... are not fully aware of is... very well double their... by the...

...difficult to ascertain the... with full realization of... I do urge you to... the boundaries of the proposed... in its entirety, as... in the Marshalls other than... boundary at 166° 27' east... or the proposed... to the westward... This would at... of the Marshalls of the... administration... best, unsettling knowledge...

Very truly yours,

W. H. P. ...  
The Director

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