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The Honorable Charles W. Duncan, Jr.
Secretary
Department of Energy
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to inform you that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has scheduled an oversight hearing to review the program for the rehabilitation and resettlement of Bikini and Enewetak Atolls. The hearing will be held on February 14 and 15, in Honolulu, Hawaii in order to facilitate the appearance of representatives of the Bikini and Enewetak peoples.

The hearing will review the history of the removal of the peoples from Bikini and Enewetak Atolls, the efforts to rehabilitate the atolls, the prospects for resettlement, and the options available to the peoples in the event that resettlement is not possible. The Committee would like assurance that the anticipated return of the Enewetak people to Enewetak in April of this year will not result in a replication of the recent Bikini experience.

Because of the special responsibilities which the Department of the Interior has for the administration of the Trust Territory and for the future and well-being of the people of Enewetak and Bikini, I have requested that the Secretary of the Interior have appropriate representatives at the hearing to review this issue. In light of the specific activities which the Department of Energy has had in the history of the Bikini and Enewetak situations, I would appreciate it if appropriate personnel were present at the hearing in support of the Department of the Interior to review your agency's activities.

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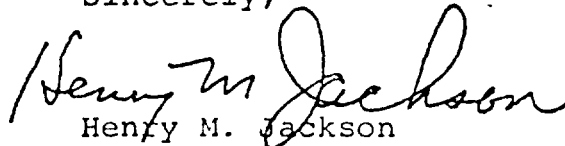
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Please advise me of the names of the witnesses who will represent the Department at this hearing. According to the Rules of the Congress, as revised by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, copies of witnesses' prepared statements must be made available prior to their appearance. In order to provide time for the Committee's evaluation of the statements, I would appreciate receiving 10 copies at least 24 hours in advance and 90 copies at the time of the appearance. If you have further questions, please contact James P. Beirne, or Barbara J. Haugh of the Committee staff at (202)224-2564.

Sincerely,


Henry M. Jackson
Chairman

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