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Dear Mr. Doolin:

This is in reference to the letter of August 4, 1972, sent to Assistant Secretary G. Warren Nutter by Assistant Secretary of Interior Harrison Loesch on the subject of Eniwetok Atoll rehabilitation. As that letter indicated, we look forward to working with the Department of Defense on the cleanup and rehabilitation of Eniwetok and the eventual return of her people.

Although the return of Eniwetok Atoll to the Trust Territory Administration will not take place until the end of 1973, planning for the necessary cleanup and rehabilitation programs should be initiated as soon as possible. The success of these programs will depend on interagency coordination and I believe it essential that we call a high level interagency meeting to develop overall planning, to assign administrative responsibilities, to identify funding responsibilities, and to outline a general plan of work for the various agencies which will be involved.

Accordingly, I am proposing to call a meeting to be held in my office at the Interior Department on September 7, 1972, at 2 p.m. All of the agencies, now involved or who have been involved with past projects on Eniwetok, are being invited by copy of this letter. Also in attendance will be Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman who headed an interagency team which made an inspection visit to Eniwetok last May. ~~I feel his attendance will be~~ valuable for background purposes. A detailed report of the inspection trip has been issued and copies will be made available to all agency representatives prior to the September 7, 1972 meeting.

I am inviting top level representatives from the A.E.C.; DWA (DOD); JCS; General Counsel (DOD); Air Force, Navy, Army (DOD); SAMTEC (AF); ATSD (AE); ASD (HE); ASD (Comptroller); ASD (INL); DBRE; OSM; OMB; as well as staff from Interior. It would be appreciated if you or a senior official from your office could attend the meeting.

cc: Honorable James R. Schlesinger

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I would be grateful for any comments you might have as to agenda items which you feel should be discussed at this initial meeting.

Sincerely yours



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