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James E. Officer
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SUBJECT: Letter to the President from
Moses L. of the Killi Island Council

On August 1 Mr. Bromley Smith of the White House Staff referred the enclosed letter from Moses L. of the Killi Island Council to the Department of State for our recommendation as to a reply.

Inasmuch as the administration of Killi Island is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior, you may wish to respond directly to Mr. Smith's request.

I have informed the White House of this transferral.

for Alan Parker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

As stated.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Moses L.
Secretary
Killi Council
Killi, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 11 and the two hand-made bags have been received and I want you and the people of Killi to know that they are greatly appreciated.

The interest of the Killi people in returning to Bikini has been very much before us and we are pleased that it was possible to announce that Bikini is again safe for people to live on it and that steps can now be taken for your return. It will take many months to replant Bikini and to build a new village, but High Commissioner Norwood and his staff will be working with you in planning and working out the details of the return. Our best wishes will go with you.

Sincerely yours,

July 11, 1968

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Dear Mr. President,

We all together on Killi Island to find out the good suggestion for Killi people. So, it has been clarify that those who are involved as a citizen of Killi Island include the others who are able to make their own better society among those things are effect their society. The good suggestion has been listed below.

1. Killi and other islands given by government belong with Bikini.
2. We want to return to Bikini not in a long period but in a short time.
3. We still continue with the idea has been submitted by our leaders before. They said, no chief we want no chief.

We believe that these three statements above may show you a way of hard feeling of how we people on Killi Island get mad of this kind of situation you did for us, and moved us from our land of memory. We are saying this to you that we are anxious to return to our island.

Secretary

Killi Council

Moses L

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Jen boru wot juon im lemnak bukbukot lomnak ko emmon emoj
an alikkar jen jerin bebe in ak jenba ro iuan jen bebe ro
an Kili pareinwot ro otemjej rej bok konair non kokommon
lok jukjuk im bed eo an armij in Kili.

Ikijen ebelonlon otemjej nae jukjuk im bed in air. Bebe
in lomnak eo emoj an alikar jen rein otemjej briein emoj
kelajirak ijin ilol.

1. Kili im enen ko jet elittok in kien kimij biki bwe
en mottan wot. Bikini.
2. Kim konan rol non Bikini ilo juon ien eo en jab
etto an en kiokio wot.
3. Kimij wonmanlok wot ikijen bujen ko rar bin iben
dritel ro am moktalok ke ear ejellok iroi.

Kimij tomak bwe lajrak kien jilu, ilon emoj kwaloki ijin
ilon eor am tomak ak kejatrikrik bwe eor ami kili bwil im
lab am tile an zolep armij ro iol ailin in kilik im ejab
bwe ren kar bwil ak kin wewin in kom ar kommone bwe ren kar
itok jen lol eo air ak ailon eo air mokta.

Dri jeje
Kili Council

Moses L

