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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your memorandum regarding Bikini and am pleased that we can now announce the return of these people to their former home. This is an announcement which I have made today. I have also requested the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget to cooperate with you and to assist you and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory to effectuate a resettlement program.

Resettlement will require careful planning and the appropriation of funds if we are to demonstrate to the people of the Trust Territory that we will fulfill our commitments. I urge that you undertake this task immediately. It is our goal to assist the people of Bikini to build on these once desolated islands a new and model community.

Sincerely,



**Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
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