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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

AUG 13 1968

Memorandum

To: Mr. Bromley Smith, The White House

From: Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Subject: Letter to the President from Moses L., Secretary of the
Killi Island Council X
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On August 5 the attached correspondence was referred to us. Since on that day Secretary Udall had sent to the President a recommendation that he, the President, announce that the Killi people may return to Bikini, we withheld drafting a response until the announcement had been made. This was done with the concurrence of your office. The President's announcement has now been made and we, therefore, send you the attached draft acknowledgment to Moses L.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior
J. C. Anderson

Enclosures

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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,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1968

Lucy:

FYI -- this comes under Charles Johnson's responsibilities, so I have sent him a copy also.

The original, from Moses L., is being held here in Rostow complex for Interior's recommendation.

Ruth Booth



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 2, 1968

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**ASSISTANT
SECRETARY
A. L. M.**

James E. Officer
Assistant to the Secretary
Department of the Interior

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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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1968

TO: Ben Read

FROM: Bromley Smith

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For recommendation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1968

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FOR: Marshall Wright

The attached letter and gift of two straw handbags, presumably sent for Mrs. Johnson, were received by the President from a group in the Marshall Islands. Because of content of letter, if this is your "part of the world" would you be good enough to give me a suggested draft acknowledgment.

Thank you.

Lucy Ferguson
Lucy Ferguson
Gift Unit

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To: Bromley Smith

*Erin - suggest we
refer this to State for
draft
suggested reply.*

Marshall

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 J.

11/2/56

Jen boru wot juon im lemnak bukukot 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
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bwe ren kar bwil ak kin wewin in kom ar komone bwe ren kar
itok jen lol eo air ak ailon eo air mokta.

Dri jeje
Kili Council

Moses L

