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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your recent announcement that Bikini Island is once again safe for human occupancy and may now be redeveloped for that purpose has been received by the islanders with tremendous enthusiasm and appreciation. I have been asked by them to convey their gratitude to you.

At a time when there is so much speculation and apprehension among Micronesians regarding possible future U.S. military and defense requirements in this part of the western Pacific, the restoration of this one historic island to peaceful use and occupancy has had a reassuring effect on the attitude of the Micronesians toward the U.S. administration of this important territory.

May I add my personal thanks for your interest and assistance.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Norwood
High Commissioner