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Dear Mr. Doolin:

For a considerable period of time, there has been no progress in the long negotiations directed toward reaching an agreement for the use of Roi-Namur, Omelak, Gellinam and Enewetak Islands located in Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, by the U.S. Army Safeguard Missile Program.

A solution to this long pending problem should be reached as soon as possible since further delay could well have deleterious effects on, among other ongoing efforts, the current political status negotiations. In addition, we have learned informally from the Department of State that a petition to the United Nations Trusteeship Council on this problem is very likely to be presented in the near future.

Members of my staff have had informal conversations with the Navy Real Estate Office and other Department of Defense units on the matter. The initiative appears to rest at the present time on the Department of the Army.

Recently, the Office of the High Commissioner prepared a status report on this matter, a copy of which is attached for your information.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in bringing this long-standing problem to a satisfactory solution.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Secretary

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