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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands has been providing the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and its citizens with essential supplies and services over the past 10 years. We are most grateful for this support and are hopeful that it can be continued. In the past several months officials from the Trust Territory Government, along with members of the Office of Territorial Affairs here in the Department of the Interior, have been in consultation with Kwajalein Missile Range and other Department of Defense officials to discuss the format of updating the reimbursable and non-reimbursable support agreements which better reflect the current needs of all interested parties.

To that end, and as provided for in 48 USCA 1681, we enclose two (2) proposed support agreements, one between KMR and the Trust Territory, and the other between KMR and the District Administrator, Marshall Islands.

Kwajalein Atoll is the home of over 6,000 Trust Territory citizens, representing about one-fourth of the total Marshall Islands population. At this time there is no realistic alternative to this proposed support and, thus, we respectfully request that the support listed in the proposed agreements be provided through the U.S. Army. As the agreements are preliminary we feel it would be to our mutual advantage to have the detailed wording worked out by the appropriate Trust Territory and KMR officials.

Your favorable consideration to this request will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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