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PETITION FROM MR. RONALD G. BAKAL, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF UTIRIK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Secretary Trusteeship Council United Nations New York, N.Y. 10017

Re: Our client: People of Utirik Atoll, Marshall Islands

Negligence - 1 March 1954

Dear Sir:

This office has been retained by the people of Utirik Atoll, Marshall Islands, United Nations Trusteeship, to seek compensation on their behalf for damages they have suffered as a result of the negligence of the Government of the United States of America in the detonation of a nuclear device on 1 March 1954.

For the last 22 years, our clients have suffered from the effects of their exposure to radiation with only token compensation and periodic medical treatment which can only be described as experimentation. Along with the high degree of thyroid tumors, including malignancy, among the exposed population, evidence has been detected that second generation children are being genetically afflicted. Besides the direct physical damage, the entire population of the atoll suffers from the emotional and psychological effects of the expectation of continuing health problems. Your agency should be well aware of the environmental impact

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