

Reproduced at the Ronald Reagan Library

October 13, 1983

179456  
NR001

Dear Senator DeConcini:

Jim Baker has shared with me your letter of September 29, cosigned by your colleagues of the Nevada delegation, regarding the implications of Section 177 of the "Compact of Free Association" which was recently signed with representatives of our trust territories in Micronesia.

We appreciate your concerns for seeking an equitable resolution of the claims of damages for those American citizens who lived in the area of the Nevada Test site during the atmospheric nuclear bomb tests. We have directed your comments to White House Counsel, and I assure you that close attention will be given to the points raised in your letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Dennis DeConcini  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

KMD:CMP:jid

cc: w/copy of inc, ~~Fred Fielding~~ - for DIRECT response  
cc: w/copy of inc, ~~Craig Fuller~~ - FYI  
Jack Svahn - FYI  
Kathy Camalier - FYI