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1. AEC Recognition for Bikini Atoll (Contact: DOS)

Preliminary discussions held with the Department of the Interior (DOI) regarding an appropriate AEC recognition for the Bikini Atoll people indicate the present time is premature by 1 to 2 years. The main reason behind this is due to the unrest being built up by the people toward the U. S. Government, not necessarily the AEC. This is illustrated by the recent refusal by a group of Bikini people to return to the Atoll on May 25, 1974, until they receive appropriate compensation for the past 25 years. Also, they have voiced a dissatisfaction regarding the design and construction of their new homes; therefore, all construction on the island has stopped. As you can see, and are aware, this is a very delicate situation.

Several suggestions of a suitable recognition include items such as: a fishing boat, a library, a dispensary, a church or a community house. For items of this magnitude, the cost would run between \$40,000 and \$200,000. DOI feels, and we agree, that in presenting a gift of this nature it might be wise to wait until the people get back on the island and really find out what their needs are. In the interim, however, we have asked our graphics section for layouts of a suitable monument and formal garden or arrangement around the monument. These layouts will be available by June 1, 1974, for review. (U)

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