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**RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING AT BIKINI ATOLL**

Per our November 18 discussion, I enclose a copy of our letter to Jonathan Weisgall responding to his request as to our recommendation for radiological monitoring and scientific follow-on at Bikini.

Currently, DOE is not budgeting for Bikini work beyond FY 88 on the basis that a resettlement plan and appropriations will (or should) include these items as part of the overall effort. However, I don't believe there is any serious question that this monitoring must be done, and done by a responsible entity; not left open or neglected so as to invite politically motivated groups to fill a perceived vacuum. Therefore, we believe it important that this issue be incorporated into the Administration's strategy in addressing U.S. commitments and the accompanying implementing methodology.

If DOE is to play a role after 1988 (and we are not necessarily advocating that we do the work) we will need timely planning guidance. The LLNL and BNL capability obviously can only continue to exist if funding is reasonably assured. If not, the programs will be dismantled and people reassigned.

We appreciate that the larger issues and settlement alternatives are still very much in the exploratory stage and the monitoring issue is in some measure tied to those alternatives. We will track the settlement progress through your office and are available to you at all times to discuss the technical situation.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

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