

September 1, 1989

The Honorable Oscar De Brum
Chief Secretary
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Majuro, MI 96960

Dear Oscar:

DOE VISIT TO RONGELAP, NOVEMBER 1989

This letter is to advise you of our forthcoming visit to Rongelap and to extend an invitation to the Rongelap community to send representatives to observe our work. We extended a similar invitation on our last mission, but unfortunately Rongelap was not able to participate.

The Department of Energy, through its national laboratory, LLNL, plans to visit Rongelap Atoll November 18-27, 1989, in connection with its major field mission to Bikini. Specifically, scientific personnel aboard our chartered vessel, the G. W. Pierce, will be collecting soil and vegetation samples from Rongelap Island as well as from several of the northern islands.

We hope this will provide an opportunity for representatives of the Rongelap community to visit their atoll and to observe our work and activities. We would be pleased to have them as our guests aboard the vessel at Rongelap. Space and work requirements oblige us to limit the number of guests to a maximum of three. The vessel will be sailing from Bikini to Rongelap and return; thus, the representatives will have to secure their air transportation at least to Bikini by 11/18/89, to participate. They would then be returned to Kwajalein aboard our vessel. Other than their transportation to Bikini, DOE will absorb all necessary support costs for them.

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May we ask the assistance of your office to discuss and coordinate our invitation with the Rongelap leadership and community? Please make all detailed arrangements through Mr. Bill Jackson at our PASO office in Honolulu. These arrangements must be concluded by October 24.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours and Yokwe,

Original Signed By
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