

Mr. James DeFrancis

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"I really feel that we can now ask things that we want to know and feel comfortable, we want to build on this relationship of sharing information with each other. What we know we tell you, what you know you tell us. What we don't know we admit to that, on both sides, so I am really thankful for the opportunity to ask this of you and if you don't know the answer would you convey it where it should go, be our voice in asking."

and the second from the closing remarks of the Chief Secretary:

"On behalf of the President who is not here or the Acting President, I ought to express our extreme gratitude and sincere thanks for the teams coming, presenting us with this information from the study made and your report at this time to this group. Especially grateful for this kind of setting we are able to sit down face to face, discuss these matters, raise questions and get answers or at least have them raised so the answers can be forthcoming eventually in the future. We are encouraged by such a gathering and are grateful to have had this."

I conscientiously believe that the Majuro meetings of December 8-9 were constructive, honest, consistent with DOE and overall U.S. Government policy and well received by the Republic of the Marshall Islands. As party leader, I have a responsibility to provide a complete and factual record of that expedition. That is in preparation, and I am quite willing to have our actions judged on that record.

Sincerely,

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