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FROM (Name and unit) Lt. Col. Greenberg DWA, East Branch Room 211 <i>MDS</i>	REMARKS <i>These are the letters we discussed over the telephone</i> <i>Aug Sep 28 MDS</i>			
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July 23, 1954

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is requested that the Department of the Navy represent the Atomic Energy Commission in negotiating use and occupancy agreements with the Trust Territory Government for use of Bikini and Eniwetok Atolls by the Atomic Energy Commission. It is understood that the Department of the Navy has funds for this purpose authorized under Public Law 254, 82nd Congress. The agreements covering Bikini and Eniwetok should be in accord with the principles set forth in your basic agreement soon to be formalized with the Interior Department, a draft of which was informally furnished the Atomic Energy Commission on June 29, 1954.

It is further requested that, prior to execution of use and occupancy agreements covering Eniwetok and Bikini, the Atomic Energy Commission be given an opportunity to approve their form and content.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Chairman

Honorable Charles S. Thomas  
The Secretary of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington

17 August 1954

My Dear Mr. Strauss:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 22, 1954 in which you request that the Department of the Navy represent the Atomic Energy Commission in negotiating use and occupancy agreements with the Government of the Trust Territory for use of Bikini and Eniwetok Atolls by the Atomic Energy Commission.

I have requested the Chief of Naval Operations to continue negotiations with representatives of the Department of the Interior to acquire, under a use and occupancy agreement, certain lands in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for retention by the military. The Department of the Navy will act in behalf of the Atomic Energy Commission in these negotiations. Prior to execution of the use and occupancy agreements of these two atolls, I will forward the final draft to you for approval.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ C. S. Thomas

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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