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Office of the District Administrator  
Marshalla District

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In reply refer to:

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Re : Bikini.

Dear Roger:

I have just been informed by the District Administrator Representative, Bikini, that the people are eating the breadfruit and pandanus on Bikini. This is in spite of our many warnings, in notices translated to Marshallese and verbal warnings at church services. I can only assume that temptation overcomes any fear. A similar problem faced Adam in the Garden of Eden.

We are about to start planting of breadfruit and other local crops on Eniu; however, harvest is 5 years in the future. I would like to bring in a few trees that are about 4 years old, but we do not have the capability to offload from the ships and the time delay will cause extensive salt spray damage. I have thought of the possibility of an airlift, of mature trees, to the airport in Eniu. These could be offloaded with a pully setup.

I would like your thoughts and if you feel that such an operation is feasible. If so, could we impose on your good offices to assist in arranging an aircraft.

It might also suggest that some thoughts be given to fencing the ERDA test garden, on Bikini, to discourage the taking of fruit.

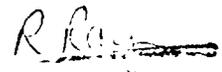
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Oscar de Brum  
District Administrator, Marshalls

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