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UNCLAS/ THIS MORNING I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON:

"DEAR BILL:

TO HELP US IN OUR BIKINI RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM, WE NEED WHATEVER INFORMATION THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CAN PROVIDE US REGARDING THE RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF THE PETER-OBOE-TARE COMPLEX OF ISLANDS. AS WE RECALL, THIS STRING OF ISLANDS WAS BEING DISCUSSED FURTHER IN HOPES THAT IT WOULD BE DECLARED SAFE FOR CONTINUOUS HABITATION.

"IN TWO WEEKS MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING A PLANNING MEETING IN MAJURO WITH THE BIKINI LEADERSHIP TO DETERMINE WHEN FAMILIES MAY ACTUALLY BE RETURNED TO THEIR ATOLL. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THE PETER-OBOE-TARE COMPLEX AT THAT TIME.

"PLEASE ADVISE US ON THE STATUS OF THESE ISLANDS AT YOUR EARLIEST

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CONVENIENCE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUING COOPERATION
AND ASSISTANCE."

NOTE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EXPECTS AN ANSWER IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS.
PLEASE FURNISH ME INFORMATION SO THAT I MAY REPLY TO THIS LETTER
OR I SUGGEST YOU REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WITH
AN INFO COPY OF YOUR REPLY TO ME.

END MSG EP-237

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