



UNITED STATES  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of my letter of today's date to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget regarding Bikini. Also enclosed is a copy of our proposed Bikini re-settlement program which incorporates as an integral part the estimates for cleaning up the island which were prepared by the Atomic Energy Commission.

May I express our appreciation for the assistance which was rendered to us by personnel of the Defense Department, particularly representatives of the Air Force Western Test Range and the Kwajalein Test Site. Their aid and counsel contributed substantially to the success of our efforts to date.

The implementation of the program will require our continued cooperation, but I am certain that it will be possible to make a substantial start on re-settlement during the year ahead.

Sincerely yours,  
 (sgd) David S. Black

Acting Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Clark M. Clifford  
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 The Pentagon  
 Washington, D.C. 20301

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Enclosures

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