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Dear Mr. Brown:

This is to confirm your recent telephone conversation with Larry Morgan of my staff regarding funding for the operation of the Enewetak Food and Agricultural Maintenance Program for FY 1991.

Congress funded the program at a level of \$1,094,230. We anticipate that \$994,760 of this amount would be available to the Pacific Area Support Office (PASO). I recommend, and hereby approve, on behalf of the Department of the Interior, extension of the present agreement, dated December 15, 1989, until such time as we can determine if we should revise this agreement.

Under this arrangement, we authorized the Department of Energy to expend a total of \$248,690 between the period of October 1, 1990 and December 31, 1990. The Scope of Work attached to the FY 1990 agreement is to remain in effect during this same period.

We intend to amend the agreement with the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) under the same conditions. We would make available a total of \$99,470 to the RMI, and we authorize expenditures of \$24,867.50 for the period of October 1, 1990 and December 31, 1990.

The Appropriation Committees of the Congress also requires us to file, by December 1, 1990, an annual report, under Section 104(k) of Public Law 99-658, on the operation of the Enewetak Food Program and the Department of Energy Medical Program. William Jackson indicated that he will submit a draft report on the Enewetak Food Program to DOI for OMB clearance by November 15, 1990.

The House/Senate Conference Committee Report stated:

The managers request the Departments of the Interior and Energy, and their contractors, to work with the Enewetak Council and the Government of the Marshall Islands to devise a plan and timetable for turning over management of the support program to local

government control, including responsibilities for monitoring program activities, as expeditiously as possible. A report on this plan should be submitted to the Appropriations Committee by April 15, 1991.

I also recommend that we reach agreement on a date in December for a meeting at the PASO office in Honolulu to develop the plan required in the Conference Report. This meeting should include representatives of the Enewetak Local Government and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Larry Morgan, Director of Legislative & Public Affairs, will represent OTIA in the development of this plan.

I am enclosing a copy of the agreement reached with the Bikini Local Government on funding for FY 1991. Under this budget agreement, we approved \$250,000 for support of the Bikini Field Station. We have requested Mr. Jonathan Weisgall to prepare a Scope of Work for this funding. We have an outstanding request to PASO for an "invoice" for submission to the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund, in order for the trustee to reimburse OTIA for the \$218,000 which was drawn electronically by DOE from OTIA accounts for FY 1990 Bikini Field Station support.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- 1: Conference Report language
2. Current Enewetak Agreement
3. Bikini Budget Agreement

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