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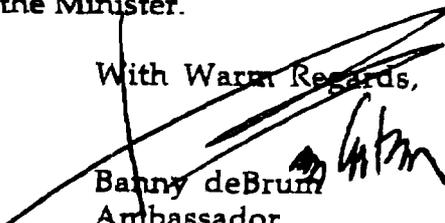
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Dear Dr. Seligman:

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Phillip Muller, has asked me to respond on his behalf to your letter dated October 11, 1996. Minister Muller appreciates the Department of Energy's willingness to convene the Working Group meetings in Majuro to discuss the issues outlined in the Joint Communiqué signed on May 15, 1996 in Honolulu. In our past discussions, you and I indicated that the entire month of January was feasible for possible meeting times. Minister Muller has conferred with the Marshallese who have expressed an interest in participating in these meetings. Based on the Minister's discussions, there is an overwhelming preference for the last week of January. Therefore, Minister Muller has asked to me seek your endorsement for a meeting Majuro from January 28, 1996 to January 31, 1996.

The RMI Government looks forward to continuing our cooperative efforts to address issues pertaining to the health and environmental needs of the Marshallese which are a result of the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Testing Program. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding the dates proposed by the Minister.

With Warm Regards,

  
Barry deBrum  
Ambassador

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