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Dr. Paul Seligman  
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Office of Health (EH-6)  
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**RE:** Proposal for the Delivery of Special Medical Care in the Marshall Islands, Parts I through IV, October 1997.

Dear Dr. Seligman:

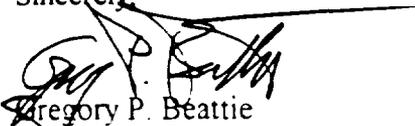
The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our contract status with the Ministry of Health and Environment, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) as it would relate to the above captioned proposal.

Mercy International Health Services was selected by the RMI to manage and administer the Section 177 Healthcare Program. We met with Minister Tom Kijiner on February 17, 1998, and agreed to contract terms. Minister Kijiner executed the agreement which has a two year term: April 1, 1997 to March 3, 2000. The contract is currently being reviewed for execution by the Attorney General RMI.

As indicated in our proposal, we believe that Mercy International as the administrator of the Section 177 Program is in a unique position to provide the services described in the Department of Energy's Proposal solicitation. We look forward to the results of the review and selection process.

Please contact us if we can provide you or your staff with any additional information regarding our continuing relationship with the Marshall Islands.

Sincerely,



Gregory P. Beattie  
Vice President  
Mercy International Health Service