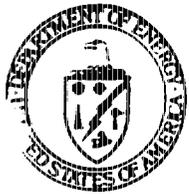


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His Excellency Banny de Brum
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

This is in response to your letter of October 24, 1996. In that letter you advised me of Minister Phillip Muller's preference to hold the Joint Communique Working Group meetings in Majuro from January 28-31, 1997. These dates are convenient to me, and I understand they are acceptable to the Department of State and the Department of Interior as well.

As we have discussed with you, I have confidence that our preliminary working sessions at your Embassy here in Washington, D.C., over the next 2 months will help ensure that progress toward meeting the goals of the Joint Communique is achieved prior to and during these important meetings.

I, too, look forward to continuing our cooperative efforts to address issues pertaining to the health and environmental needs of the Marshallese people. Please send my warmest regards to Minister Muller when you advise him that his preferred meeting dates are acceptable to the U.S. attendees.

Sincerely,

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