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Dear Mr. Duff:

In the Latin newspapers you have accounts of an appeal which representatives of the population of the Marshall Islands had filed with the United Nations, protesting against the recent hydrogen bomb tests and resulting injury to natives of the islands. <sup>I</sup> If it be possible for you to have sent to me a full text of that appeal, I would very much appreciate your doing so.

Judging by the newspaper accounts, the Marshall Islanders have a very strong case. Certainly you and I would be indignant if another country conducted such tests so close to the United States that some of our citizens were injured and parts of our country were ruined. The moral position of the United States is seriously weakened whenever the rights of such persons as the Marshall Islanders--or of any persons--are violated by our government, no matter what excuses of expediency are offered.

I will appreciate your making it possible for me to examine the complete appeal filed by the Islanders.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry F. Poerner*  
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Transmitted to Office of Chairman by Referral Note dated 6/7/54 from Sen. James H. Duff (Pa.).

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