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U. S. Army Liaison Officer
In Charge
224 House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Enquiry from Mrs. Arthur E. Sherman
regarding displaced natives

I am enclosing an AP release from KILI, Marshall Islands, in regard to the Bikinians, entitled, "Displaced Natives of Bikini Suffer on New Island."

One of residents of the First District of Massachusetts has written to me as follows about that: "I am enclosing an article which appeared recently in our local paper and if the facts related are true it is, in my opinion, a disgrace upon this nation. We are spending billions on foreign aid and why are we letting these people suffer? Everyone's home is dear to him no matter how humble and if this government took these people from their homes they should be supplied with even better ones. I hope to hear in the immediate future that something is being done to right this wrong."

I would appreciate your advice on when the Bikinians were displaced, and for what reason. Also what is being done to rehabilitate them, and whether the statements made in the enclosed article are true.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Heslton

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