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Dear Mr. Seaton:

In an exchange of letters on April 22 and May 16, 1960, between the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense, agreement was reached that a readiness state for nuclear test resumption at the Eniwetok Proving Ground need no longer be maintained because of the low probability that atmospheric testing will occur in the future.

The Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense have also agreed that the Eniwetok Proving Ground need no longer be retained by the Commission as a nuclear weapon test facility. However, the Department of Defense has indicated a continuing requirement for the Eniwetok Proving Ground as an addition to the Pacific Missile Range. We intend, therefore, to proceed with negotiation of a written agreement to transfer the custody of the Eniwetok Proving Ground from the Commission to the Department of Defense. We would intend to include in this agreement recognition in principle that the Atomic Energy Commission could use the Eniwetok Proving Ground for any activity which it might later need to conduct there, if accomplished without cost to the Department of Defense, and without interference with essential activities of the Department of Defense there.

Copies of the correspondence referred to above are enclosed for your information. I am also informing the Secretary of State today of this planned transfer of the Eniwetok Proving Ground.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Keto
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Honorable Fred A. Seaton
Secretary of Interior

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