

At that session of the Council the annual examination of United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands will again be on the agenda, beginning about June 15. As you are aware, members of the Council will no doubt again express concern for the welfare of the affected Marshallese; and it is in the interest of the United States position in the Council, as well as our general position in the United Nations and in the eyes of world public opinion, to be able to give a full and satisfactory report on this subject. To aid the Department of State in its preparations for handling this item, it would be appreciated if the Atomic Energy Commission could review the information transmitted last December and advise whether any additional data are available.

With regard to the arrangements being made for the use and occupancy of Bikini and Eniwetok, and the subsequent compensation to the former inhabitants, the Department is in touch with the Departments of the Interior and the Navy. With regard to the disposition of any claims for damages made by inhabitants of Rongelap and Uterik as a result of the March 1, 1954, explosion, the Department is in communication with the Department of Defense. On certain other aspects of this problem, however, the Atomic Energy Commission is in the best position to aid in the collection of information for the forthcoming Council session.

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any additional information available on these matters at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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