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Mr. Steven Cary
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Dear Mr. Cary:

Thank you for meeting me for lunch earlier this month. I certainly enjoyed making your acquaintance, and I look forward to working together closely with you in the upcoming years.

I greatly appreciate your willingness to accommodate the Republic of the Marshall Islands' request for a meeting in Hawaii next month. I was pleased to receive your letter confirming that we will meet on June 4-5, 2002 in Honolulu.

As I indicated when we met, the RMI is pleased to present a draft agenda of topics for discussion for our annual meeting. I have attached a copy of the draft agenda to this letter. As has been the practice in previous years, the RMI would like to close the meeting with a written agreement detailing some of our shared goals for the upcoming year.

I am certain that our meeting in Hawaii will be productive and beneficial for all. I know that representatives from the RMI are looking forward to meeting you.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Banny deBrum".

Banny deBrum
Ambassador to the United States

Attachment:
as stated

**DRAFT AGENDA
RMI-DOE ANNUAL MEETING
HONOLULU, HAWAII
JUNE 4-5, 2001**

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

9:00 a.m. – noon

1. Opening prayer (a representative from the RMI delegation)
2. Introduction of delegations
3. Opening remarks
 - DOE
 - RMI
 - Atoll senators or mayors
 - DOI, DOS, or any other US agencies

Coffee break

4. DOE update on RMI program management, and any policy changes with the new leadership (given the departure of Seligman, Hawkins, and Bell)
5. DOE update on the environmental monitoring program, including remediation efforts

Lunch (noon – 1:30)

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

6. DOE update on the medical monitoring program
7. RMI presentation of dose reconstruction research
8. Discussion of other issues that affect DOE program operations
 - possible termination of the 177 HCP
 - reduced money for health care in the second Compact
 - others
8. DOE update on efforts to continue document declassification and transfer
9. Signing of written agreement for the upcoming year

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Atoll meetings

8:00 a.m. – noon

8:00	-	Rongelap
9:00	-	Bikini
10:00	-	Utrik
11:00	-	Enewetak