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Mayor **Naptali Peter**
Encwetak-Ujclang Local Government Council
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Dear **Mr.** Mayor:

We **were** disappointed to learn **that** the Council was unable to complete the selection of **two candidates** for DOE's **Whole-Body** Counting training at **Lawrence Livermore** National Laboratory in **time to meet** the sixty-day **requirement** for submission of **the** names and informational **details**. I would like to **reiterate that the sixty-day-in-advance requirement** is the minimum **time** necessary for foreign trainees to **have their paperwork** reviewed and processed by **LLNL**.

The Council will be pleased **to know that** we have **established the dates** for **the** next training **cycle at** LLNL. **Those** dates are **March 19, 2001 to April 27, 2001**. **Accordingly**, we urge the Council **to** select **its two** candidates for **training** and **to submit the** complete paperwork to DOE by **January 20, 2001**. **Please** ensure all the **information**, as enumerated in my letter of **September 25, 2000**, is provided **to us** for **each** candidate.

Although we **were obliged** to **re-set the training cycle in** or&r to afford **the** Council another opportunity for its candidates, we are on schedule **to complete** erection and installation of the **science** facility at **Encwetak Atoll** by the **first** week of March. **Indeed**, I, as well as Dr. **Terry** Hamilton of LLNL and **Lance Yamaguchi**, **Bechtel** Nevada's Supervisor, plan to visit **Encwetak January 17-18, 2001**, to monitor progress on **the** building and to review the details of the interior work. As always, I will make myself available to **meet** with you, your **Council, and/or the community**, should you so **wish**. However, because of the necessary **shift in the training** cycle, we do **not** intend to mount a **scientific**, whole-body counting mission, **staffed** by **trained**, Encwetak employees **until** early May of **next year (2001)**. This **will also necessitate**, in **our** view, a change **in the** proposed date **for** dedication of the DOE Science Facility until our mission in May.

I would also hope to **meet** and talk with your candidates when **I** am in **the** Marshall Islands **next** month, **I** will be at **Encwetak**, per **the** above date, and at **Majuro** from **1/22-26, 2001**. Please advise DOE where I **may** meet **with** your candidates.

Wishing you Seasons Greetings and a Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. Jackson".

William D. Jackson
DOE Manager for
Field Operations

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