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ENEWETAK, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The President
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United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. President:

This request is supplemental to our 8 May request for an oral hearing before
the Trusteeship Council at its forty-eighth session. 1/

In conjunction with our oral presentation in support of and in amplification
of our written petition, we will be very grateful if we are permitted to show
two brief movie films and some color slides.

The movies are official documentaries of the Government of the United States
of America having to do with the nuclear weapons testing programme in the 1950s
at Enewetak. One of the films, entitled "Operation Sandstone", depicts the first
series of nuclear tests at Enewetak in 1948. The other film, entitled "Operation
Ivy", is a documentary of the world's first thermonuclear device which was
exploded at Enewetak on 31 October 1952. Each film is approximately 20 minutes

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in length. Together they demonstrate the extraordinary importance of the nuclear testing programme to the United States and, for that matter, to the free world. They also demonstrate in unique fashion, the devastation which the nuclear testing programme visited upon the islands of Enewetak. Furthermore, they are quite interesting as historical documents reflecting the attitudes at the time.

The color slides we have in mind will inform the Trusteeship Council of current conditions at Enewetak atoll, since completion of the clean-up programme, the rehabilitation programme and the resettlement of the people to the islands in the southern part of the atoll. Among other things, we think that this is the best way to illustrate the considerable amount of work that is yet to be done, particularly with the agricultural redevelopment programme.

If our request is granted, we will need a 16mm movie projector with sound track capability. For the slides, a Kodak Carousel model 860HZ projector will be suitable. For both the movies and the slides, the size of the screen would be better judged by someone who is familiar with the room and the size of the audience, but it should be at least 60 inches by 60 inches.

We hope that this request can be granted. We think that these audio-visual presentations will greatly facilitate understanding and it will greatly assist the people of Enewetak in presenting their views.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Theodore R. MITCHELL
