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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 29THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF
MICRONESIA: NUCLEAR CLAIMS

The Chief Status Negotiator is authorized, at his discretion, to commit up to \$125 million in order to obtain an agreement settling the claims of the Government of the Marshall Islands and its citizens and nationals arising out of the United States nuclear testing program in the Northern Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958. He is authorized to extend the provisions of P.L. 95-134.

Any grants to the Government of the Marshall Islands funded within this ceiling are to terminate at the fifteenth anniversary of the effective date of the Compact of Free Association. United States commitments and federal programs for the benefit of the affected citizens and nationals of the Marshall Islands funded within this ceiling are also to terminate at the fifteenth anniversary of the effective date of the Compact of Free Association, except (1) as otherwise provided by United States law; or (2) in those instances in which the eventual resettlement of affected peoples on their atolls of origin is contemplated for dates which cannot now be determined. All such funds are contingent on ultimate approval by the United States Congress.

The Chief Status Negotiator shall obtain the agreement of the Government of the Marshall Islands that it accepts the negotiated settlement as full settlement of all claims, government as well as private, arising from the United States nuclear testing program of 1946 to 1958.

The Chief Status Negotiator is authorized, at his discretion, to approve the division of funds within this overall ceiling among grants and programs to the Government of the Marshall Islands and its affected peoples. The following indicative categories shall be used as guidelines:

- (1) General compensation payments, including payment for land claims;
- (2) Maintenance of temporary communities, and commitments to establish permanent communities for dislocated peoples;

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- (3) Continuation of programs authorized by legislation (including grants in lieu of P.L. 96-205); and
- (4) Radiological surveillance and monitoring.

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