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(a) The Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet by his restricted dispatch 140148Z of October 1947 approved a change in the boundary of the Marshalls Sub Area in order that the Ujelang Atoll might be included therein. On 21 December 1947 the Governor of the Marshall Islands transferred the property rights of Ujelang Atoll to the hereditary chiefs of the people of Eniwetok Atoll, i.e. Abraham and Johannes. In consideration of this grant the property rights to the land of Eniwetok Atoll were given to the use and ownership of the United States Government. (EXHIBIT I)

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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Office of the Governor
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS.

Know ye, that whereas Abraham and Johannes, being hereditary chiefs of the people of Eniwetok Atoll, did thereby hold certain recognized proprietary rights to the land of Ehiwetok Atoll, according to the customs, traditions and usages of the Marshallese people.

And whereas, the said Abraham and the said Johannes, have voluntarily and of their own free wills yielded up and given their aforesaid rights on Eniwetok Atoll to the use and ownership of the Government of the United States of America.

Now therefore, I, John P. W. Vest, by virtue of my authority as Governor of the Marshall Islands, and in consideration of the aforesaid rights on Eniwetok Atoll yielded to the Government of the United States of America, do hereby grant and convey to Abraham and Johannes the same proprietary rights to the land of Ujelang Atoll, situated in or about 9 degrees 45 minutes North latitude to 9 degrees 54 minutes North latitude and 160 degrees 50 minutes East longitude

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to 161 degrees 10 minutes East longitoude. And I further direct that all land of Ujelang Atoll may be divided between the aforesaid Abraham and the aforesaid Johannes as they shall mutually agree, and that the proprietary rights rights to the land of Ujelang Atoll, together with all buildings, trees, reefs and harbors thefeon, hereby granted, shall be held by them, and their heirs and assigns forever, in accordance with the customs, traditions and usages of the Marshallese people.

Given under my hand and seal this twenty-first day of December 1947, at Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

JOHN P. W. VEST
Captain, United States Navy
Governor of the Marshall Islands