

October 19, 1999

Department of the Interior  
Attention: Alexandra Mallus  
Departmental FOIA officer (MS-5312 MIB)  
1849 C St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting that a search be conducted for material regarding the Bravo thermonuclear test of Operation Castle performed by the United States in the Marshall Islands during the year 1954.

More specifically, I am requesting material that deals with the fallout from the Bravo test and the health effects on the American and Marshallese people exposed to the fallout. Also, of interest to me is material that includes eyewitness accounts from survivors, statements and documents of officials in charge during the Bravo test, any related photographs and raw or edited film footage captured during Bravo and Operation Castle and medical examinations and reports of people exposed to fallout from Bravo. Lastly, I would like to request any material that discusses the Japanese fishing vessel, The Lucky Dragon, and the crew aboard the boat during the Bravo test and subsequent fallout encounter.

For the past year I have conducted my own search and have found records at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Department of Energy: Nevada, Oak Ridge and Albuquerque offices, as well as the DOE main headquarters, National Archives and Records Administration, U.S. Naval Institute, Naval Historical Center, Defense Special Weapons Agency, Department of Defense, Coordination and Information Center at DOE Nevada office, Harry S. Truman Library, Herbert Hoover Library, Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Air Force Information Center, Human Research Interagency Working Group, U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice.

I would like this request to be sent to these institutions and others that could possibly hold records relevant to my inquiry. I would like a search for classified information to be conducted concurrently but separate from the declassified information search as I know that a classified search can take considerably longer. Please send all material to my home at:

Alan Day, Jr.

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I realize there is a fee for services over a certain period of research hours and am willing to pay for whatever fees exceed this limit. My only request is that advance notice be given and my approval received for all amounts exceeding the complimentary period.

Kindest Regards,

Alan Day

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