Preserving the Records of the Nuclear Claims Tribunal: International Cooperation

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A. Background

B. What records exist?

C. What needs to be done?

D. Who provided funds?

E. Who provides a safe haven?

F. What remains to be done?
A. **Background**
67 above-ground U.S. nuclear tests, 1946–1958
U.S. Trust Territory, 1946–1986
Nuclear Claims Tribunal established as part of independence compensation
Ran out of money; claims not completely paid
Records need preservation
Climate risk in Marshall Islands
B. What records exist?
Nuclear Claims Tribunal

Tribunal
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(Vacant), Member
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Appendix E
Paper, electronic records, audio tapes, video tapes, CDs, few maps or still photographs.
C. What is to be done?
Scanning for security

- Decide what to save (appraisal)
- Describe what is saved
- Scan
D. Who will provide funds?
E. Who will provide a safe haven?
Cintes de casset. Primera transferència, setembre 2012.

Obertura dels paquets. 2a transferència. Juliol 2013.
AGREEMENT

Relating to the Preservation and Storage of and Long-term Access to the Records of the Nuclear Claims Tribunal of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in Switzerland

BETWEEN

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)
And
The Swiss Confederation represented by

The Swiss Federal Archives, Switzerland (SFA)

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland (FDFA)
F. What remains to be done?
- Final scans and quality control
- Final review of records descriptions
- Shipment of hard disk to Swiss Federal Archives
- Final access protocol agreed upon and sent to partner archives
- Government of the Marshall Islands designate access control point
- Swiss Federal Archives take in the electronic files and make available; Girona make available a–v
The Republic of the Marshall Islands needs to issue a press release, telling the world that the project is completed and how to gain access to the records.
The government of the Marshall Islands needs to revitalize its National Archives and place the permanently valuable original records of the Tribunal in its keeping.