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Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter of June 20. Your assessment of American Samoa's tourism potential certainly coincides with the Administration's thinking. A jet airport is under construction in the territory, and the Department of the Interior has high hopes that it will become a major contributor to the Samoan economy.

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H. Rex Lee, a career Federal employee, was installed as Governor of American Samoa on May 27, and is off to a running start in one of the most challenging and difficult offices in the Government. But the rewards, in knowing that the cause of democracy and self-government can be promoted to a high degree, can be on a matching scale with the difficulties. Governor Lee can, we believe, give exactly "the right kind of dedicated impetus and direction" which you pointed out as being vital to getting on with the job.

Your interest is gratifying. I am enclosing a press release which describes the new leaders there in greater detail.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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