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Hon. M. W. Goding
High Commissioner of the
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Box 542
Agaña, Guam

Dear Mr. Goding:

I am sending to you herewith for your information and records three copies of an opinion dated January 19, 1962, of the General Counsel of the Peace Corps pertaining to a proposed Peace Corps program in the Trust Territory. You will note that the opinion concludes that (1) the Trust Territory is an area "abroad" (i.e., a foreign country) for purposes of the Peace Corps Act, and (2) the provision from the Interior Appropriation Act for fiscal year 1954 which bars new activities in the Trust Territory unless "specific prior approval of Congress" is obtained, (48 U.S.C., sec. 1686), is not permanent law and is no longer in effect. As the opinion states in the last paragraph, the Solicitor of this Department has concurred in the views expressed.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Richard F. Taitano

Richard F. Taitano
Director

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