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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with our desire to keep you and the Committee apprised of major programs in the Trust Territory, we should like to advise you that we have asked the Peace Corps to assist district and municipal local governments in the territory.

While a final decision has not been reached, our planning indicates two areas in which we believe Peace Corps personnel can be of definite assistance. The first is elementary education where Peace Corps personnel can actively assist Micronesian teachers in English language proficiency as well as in such subjects as elementary science and mathematics. The second is what might be termed "community public works" with Peace Corps teams working with and under the supervision of local Micronesian officials to improve roads, school buildings and local dispensaries, to name but three possibilities. ~~As such assistance to the Micronesians would be entirely on the local level, we do not consider the value of such services as applying against our budget submission to the Congress or the existing authorization ceiling.~~

The Peace Corps personnel, if our request is approved, will work at the local level and under the supervision of local Micronesian officials. The High Commissioner will, of course, provide logistical support and general technical direction of the program.

Sincerely yours,

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