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The steps outlined in paragraph 4 of Mr. Udall's letter are consonant with the recommendations of the last U.N. Visiting Mission and of the Trusteeship Council over a period of years. We should fully expect a favorable response in the U.N. in general to this sort of program, and we believe it is very much in the interests of the United States to undertake it. We agree with the remarks in paragraph 5.

Paragraph 6 makes more explicit the desire of the Interior Department to get further backing from the Department of State should this policy be adopted. It appears clear that if the Executive Branch reaches substantial agreement on the course of action outlined in the letter, Interior would like you to testify to their Committees in both the Senate and the House on the policy implications of such a change. We believe this would serve a useful purpose.

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