

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
PEACE CORPS

Washington 25, D. C.

March 29, 1962

Honorable M. W. Goding
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Agaña, Guam, N.I.

Dear Mr. High Commissioner:

I regret to inform you of my decision not to proceed with plans for the Peace Corps program in the Pacific Trust Territory which you requested in your letter of September 29, 1961.

It has come to my attention that the Department of Interior intends to request a significant amount of supplemental funds for the Trust Territory and to engage in a crash program to provide teachers for the Islands' schools. The fruition of these plans would make superfluous the activities originally proposed for Peace Corps Volunteers in the Islands' schools. We would have been happy to continue Peace Corps planning for the Trust Territory had the situation prevailed in which we began. In the present circumstances it seems that the best interests of all will be served by the action contemplated by the Department of Interior.

May I express my appreciation for the warm welcome you and your staff extended to the Peace Corps' exploratory team during its visit to Guam.

Sincerely,

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