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Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington 25, D.C.

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Attention: Mr. Max H. Edwards
5308 Interior Building

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in reply to Assistant Secretary Carver's letter of August 31, 1962, transmitting copies of a proposed bill, "To amend the Act of June 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 390; 48 U.S.C. 1801), providing for the continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes."

Subsequent to receiving the views of other interested Federal agencies on the proposed bill and after discussion with departmental staff, agreement has been reached on the following changes to the draft bill:

1. Delete the present title of the bill and substitute the following: "To promote the economic and social development of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes."
2. Subsection (b) of section 2--delete the last sentence and add it as a final sentence to subsection (a) of section 2.
3. Substitute the following section 3 for the present section 3:

The Act of June 27, 1932 (46 Stat. 163), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of title II thereof the following new section 292:

Sec. 292. (a) Nothing contained in this title shall be construed so as to limit, restrict, deny, or affect the coming into or departure from the United States of a native of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands who presents a valid identity certificate issued by the High Commissioner of such Territory: ~~Provided~~, That nothing contained in this section shall be construed to give or to confer upon any such native any other privileges, rights, benefits, exemptions, or immunities under this act, which are not otherwise specifically granted by this act.

(b) The High Commissioner of the Trust Territory shall issue an identity permit, upon request, to any native of such Territory who resided in the Territory on July 18, 1947, including a native temporarily absent from the islands on that date, and to any native of such Territory who was subsequently born there, if after that date or after his birth he continued to reside in the Trust Territory or in the United States, its territories or possessions, and if he is not a citizen or national of a foreign country and has taken no affirmative steps to acquire foreign nationality.

(c) Any person who comes to the United States pursuant to the provisions of this section shall, upon completion of the residence and physical presence requirements of section 16 (a) of this act, be deemed to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of such coming, for the purpose of petitioning for naturalization.

4. Add a new section 4 as follows and renumber the present section 4 as section 5:

Sec. 4. Subsection 303 (1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 1082), as amended (47 U.S.C. 303 (1)), is hereby amended by inserting the words, "or natives of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands who present valid identity certificates issued by the High Commissioner of such Territory," immediately following the words "citizens or nationals of the United States."

5. In the renumbered section 5, delete the words "and obligations."

The letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives is to be revised to conform to the above changes and the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 4 which refers to the creation of a Trust Territory legislature is to be deleted.

Subject to the above changes, you are advised that there is no objection to the presentation of your draft bill to the Congress from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

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Sincerely yours,
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