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Dear Secretary Udall:

In view of the full authority and responsibility I have delegated to you to administer the affairs of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, I am in agreement with the recent recommendations of the Survey Mission to the Trust Territory contained in their October 9, 1963 report that your authority should extend without question over the U. S. High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

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Therefore, in the future I will expect the Secretary of the Interior to exercise full control over the appointment, direction and removal of such U. S. High Commissioners.

Sincerely,

(Signed) John F. Kennedy

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

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