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Dear Mr. Evans:

The United Nations Trusteeship Council recently completed its annual examination of conditions in the United States administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. A large part of the Council's proceedings were based on an examination of the document, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Under United States Administration, 1953, published by the Department of State. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the very able assistance and wholehearted cooperation of four of your divisions (IN, IS, US, and NS) in the publication and submission of this report. It was especially grateful to Mr. William Fisher, Mr. Verlin C. Brown, Mr. Charles K. Shirley, Mr. Gilbert E. Kinnear, Jr., Mr. Robert L. Blair, and Mr. William C. Childress. As in previous years, we are particularly indebted to Miss Mary C. Ballist for her tireless and meticulous work in editing the report.

Please convey the appreciation of this Bureau for a job well done to those members of your staff. They made a significant contribution to helping the United States meet its international responsibilities for the Trust Territory.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph J. Evans
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
International Organization Affairs

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Mr. William C. Evans,
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