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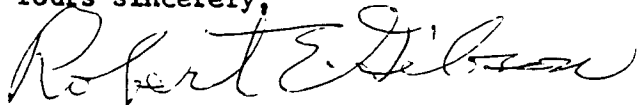
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Dear Mrs. Van Cleve:

Word has just reached me from friends in Trust Territory that Mr. Bill Nabors is in difficulty and has been "rified" from his position there; also that he has been ordered to leave the island (Saipan) within 30 days. Since this information has not come from Mr. Nabors, I cannot vouch for its authenticity. However, if this is true, this letter is in the form of a protest. My protest is based upon my experience with Mr. Nabors in Trust Territory. I found him at all times to be a devoted and intelligent public servant. He deserves special commendation for his dedication to the purposes of our administration in Trust Territory and for his broad humanitarianism and sincere interest in the welfare of Micronesians. The termination of his services there would constitute in the eyes of Micronesians and many Americans a rejection of our principles and an object lesson in hypocrisy.

Since you worked with Mr. Nabors in the legal department of Interior, I do not need to expound on his fitness for his position. However, I thought you might be interested in the reactions of some one very familiar and well informed on Trust Territory and its political ramifications.

Yours sincerely,



Robert E. Gibson