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TO : USUN, NEW YORK BY *W.V. [unclear]* DATE FEB. 25 1967

FROM : Department of State DATE: JAN 29 7 35 PM '65

SUBJECT: Direct Approaches by UN Secretariat to Department of the Interior re Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

REF

On January 22 Mr. H. T. Chu, Chief of the Trusteeship Council Section in the Secretariat, wrote directly to the Office of Territories in the Department of the Interior requesting specific information relating to recent developments in the Trust Territory (copy enclosed). Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Director of the Office of Territories to Mr. William Buffum of UNP, pointing out various problems in connection with responding to certain of Mr. Chu's questions.

It would be appreciated if the Mission would again request Mr. Chu, and if necessary the senior official in the Secretariat who would be involved, to forward all his inquiries to the U.S. Government relative to the Trust Territory through the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. The Mission might explain that this provides the best insurance of a prompt reply and that the Mission, as it does with respect to all other matters relating to U.S. participation in the United Nations, will promptly forward the inquiry to Washington for appropriate action.

We will provide the Mission later with material to be used in response to Mr. Chu's letter to the Department of the Interior.

Enclosures.

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