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Peace Corps

Honorable M. W. Goding
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands

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Dear Mr. Goding:

We have your letter of June 17 regarding the Trust Territory's eligibility to participate in AID programs. We have been unable to turn up an opinion with respect to AID assistance but enclose a copy of a January 1962 opinion of the General Counsel of the Peace Corps pertaining to a proposed Peace Corps program in the Trust Territory. You will note that this opinion concludes that the Trust Territory is an area "abroad" for purposes of the Peace Corps Act. You will also note that the Solicitor of this Department has concurred in the views expressed in the opinion.

It is hoped that the enclosed opinion will serve your immediate purpose. In order, however, that you may have a specific reply to your question regarding AID, we are asking the Solicitor's Office for an informal opinion and will write to you further at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleave
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Director

Enclosure

cc: Associate Solicitor
Division of Territories, Wildlife and Parks

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