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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Dear Sarge:

It was kind of you to take the time to send off your October 7 note of thanks to Martin Mangan in the Office of Territories. Mangan disclaims any heroics in getting your 96 Volunteers set up in the Western Pacific, but much credit is due to a good many harassed but resourceful people out there.

Mr. Gordon Findley, Trust Territory Liaison Officer in Guam, manned the telephone and radio around the clock for days to stage the camp set-up in the Palaus. High Commissioner Goding immediately left Saipan for Guam, where he could marshall all the transportation, supplies, and planning that would be entailed. Palauans set out for Guam to work on the training content of the program with your Mr. Reville. The Navy and Air Force on Guam pledged emergency maintenance of your contingent; and a loan of tents, field kitchens, tools, etc., for as long as would be needed. The Trust Territory ship Palau Islander was rescheduled to support your camp. And when it became apparent that you would be moving on into India sooner than first anticipated, the Governor of Guam, the Honorable Manuel Guerrero, immediately appealed to the villagers of Guam to take the Volunteers out of the barracks and into billets in their homes.

We understand that the Volunteers and the remote villagers established an instant rapport, and all are benefiting. All of this happened in less than a week, from idea to presence of the Volunteers; and it's reassuring to know that in rugged emergencies our frontiersmen are as resourceful as ever.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Stewart L. Udall

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