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Honorable Joseph J. Sisco
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Dear Joe,

As you may recall your letter of 15 September requested Department of Defense comments on a draft study entitled "Planning for the Future of the United States Territories and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" and a draft National Security Action Memorandum.

We agree in principle with the proposals and recommendations contained in your study and concur in the draft National Security Action Memorandum.

Since continued U.S. control of these territories is essential to U.S. national security interests, the Department of Defense desires to participate in the preparation and implementation of the program proposed in the draft National Security Action Memorandum.

Sincerely,

John McNaughton

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