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TO: Mr. Cooper

FROM: Bromley Smith

The attached is for your immediate attention. Please have your secretary keep Miss Simpson of my staff (145-697) informed of all action taken.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Disposition of Letter to President Johnson from  
Prime Minister Fiame Mata'afa of Western Samoa

The Department of State does not believe it necessary for the President to reply to Prime Minister Fiame Mata'afa's letter to him of November 12, 1965 (text attached). The letter is a routine note of thanks for the medical treatment provided the Prime Minister at Tripler Hospital in Honolulu and for hospitality accorded to him en route to and during his stay in Hawaii. Also attached is an appropriate acknowledgment signed by Mr. William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, which, when sent, will complete the action we recommend on this matter.

*John P. Walsh*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Letter to the President from Prime Minister Fiame Mata'afa.
2. Acknowledgment signed by William P. Bundy.

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Office of the Prime Minister  
Apia, Western Samoa

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12th November, 1965.

Dear Mr President,

I would like to express my sincere and most grateful thanks to you and to your Government for the very generous gesture in making possible for me to have a complete Medical Check-up at the Brigadier Military Hospital, Honolulu.

I am quite overwhelmed with the kindness received and I would like, with your permission, to extend my special thanks to Governor and Mrs R. Lee of American Samoa for all their assistance, Governor and Mrs John A. Burns of Hawaii, who so graciously welcomed us to their home and who looked after my wife while I was in hospital; General Gordon of Brigadier Military Hospital; the Chief Physician, Colonel James A. Gibson and to all the staff who kindly ministered to my needs.

I wish to thank the United States Army, Navy and Air Force for their share in adding to our comfort with transport. My thanks also to Mr Harry Spearman Sir, formerly the Regional Representative of the United Nations, who was so anxious that I should accept your kind offer.

I must add that the results of the investigations were very satisfactory.

My wife and I are very grateful to you Sir and to your Government for helping us in this very practical way.

May God bless you in all your endeavours and give to you the necessary health and strength to carry out your tremendous tasks.

Yours sincerely,

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Fiame Mata'afa  
Prime Minister  
Western Samoa

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

President Johnson has asked me to reply to your gracious letter of November 12, 1965. We are pleased to learn of the satisfactory results of your medical examination and treatment at Tripler Hospital in Honolulu and of the kindness and hospitality shown to you and your wife by American officials in Samoa and Hawaii en route to Honolulu and during your hospitalization there.

My best wishes for your continued good health.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Bundy

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