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Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve
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Dear Ruth:

How very pleasant it was to be able to see you and have a chance to talk while we were both in Guam recently. My only regret is that you were unable to accompany the Congressional Team on the beginning of their trip and make it to Saipan for what would have been an enlightening three or four days. I do hope that Del Ruthig and I didn't spoil your reputation by the succession of visits to The Office.

It is good to know that you are as aware of our problems here as we who live with them on a day-to-day basis. I am also aware of some of the problems you have in trying to alleviate some of the difficulties which face us here. During the past two weeks the entire staff here has been exceedingly busy trying to put together a more satisfactory budget for the anticipated over-ceiling request. Based on what Jack Patton brought back from Washington and his talks with both you and the Bureau of the Budget, we have really gone all out in trying to present our needs. I am sure that both the planning and the justification is better than we have ever done before.

My chief concern at the moment is that this has all been done without the benefit of Wil's thinking. It is based entirely upon the professional evaluation of needs by the people in education, health and economic development. I am not sure that we will be able to get this material off to Washington before Wil returns and I have no inkling of how he will receive what I am sure is going to be a rather large money request. As you know, he is quite conservative in these matters. It truly bothers me that Wil is not willing to accept modern standards of education and health as the standards which we should follow out here. There are some signs that he may be changing and I do hope that these prove out.

Another matter which I wish to mention is that of John Spivey's replacement. It now appears quite firm that he will be taking a position with

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another agency and the matter of his replacement is of great concern to all of us. I do hope that the person who does get the job is an extremely well qualified administrative officer who has a broad background in Federal administrative procedures. We need this type of high caliber person if we ever expect to put the Trust Territory on a firm basis in regard to the administrative area of government.

Once again let me say how pleasant it was to see you and I do hope I will have an opportunity for an early visit to Washington and more time to talk.

Sincerely yours,



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