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Dear Mr. Sisco:

The Senate hearings on the Trust Territory ceiling bill are tentatively scheduled for July 21. I have had preliminary conferences with Chairman Jackson and with Mr. James H. Gamble, Professional Staff Member, about the form of the hearings and it now seems quite likely that at least part of the time will be in executive session looking toward a candid discussion of the United States security interests in the area and the political arrangements with the people of the area.

The Chairman has initiated direct communication with officials in Defense on the former part, and you may anticipate some contact on the latter matter.

In keeping with my strongly held view that we must be candid with our Committees, I would like to make available to the Committee Chairman, under appropriate controls, your memorandum to me of February 26 with attached papers, not including the draft memorandum of the President. In other words, I would like to give to Chairman Jackson Tab A and Appendices 1, 2 and 3, all dealing with planning for the future of the Trust Territory, and Tab B on legal aspects of "Free Association with the United States."

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will deliver this document to Chairman Jackson personally next Monday when he returns to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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Under Secretary

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