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PEACE CORPS
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1966

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

Dear Bill:

Ross Pritchard has passed along to me the enclosed Memorandum of Agreement between ourselves. I think it is a fine idea to set down these areas of understanding in order to launch our Peace Corps program in Micronesia in the best possible harmony with you and your staff.

For purposes of clarification I have made several small changes in the language, although nothing of a substantive nature. I did add the very last line regarding the desirability of contributions from the district legislatures and municipal councils to Peace Corps operations. The Peace Corps considers it important that the Micronesians be encouraged to participate as fully as possible in our programs, and contributions, whether in the form of goods, funds or services, provide one of the best means of fostering Micronesian involvement.

I have signed the original and a copy, and if the Memorandum in its current form meets your approval, would you please return the original to me.

Mr. William Norwood
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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Ross has told me how impressed he was with the new progressive spirit taking hold in Micronesia. I hope our Peace Corps Volunteers will be able to make their contribution to this spirit and to Micronesia's development.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Jack Vaughn

Enclosure:

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THE
DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS CONCERNING PEACE CORPS
OPERATIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY

Members of the Congress of Micronesia and of the District Legislatures have urged the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory to request Peace Corps Volunteers for the Trust Territory. This request was relayed on May 3, 1966, by cable to the Secretary of the Interior and subsequently presented to the President. In response, the President, by letter of May 5, 1966, requested the "greatest possible involvement on the part of the Peace Corps." On May 6, the announcement of Peace Corps participation in the Trust Territory was made jointly by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Arthur Goldberg, and Director of the Peace Corps Jack Vaughn.

It is recognized that unlike other areas in which Peace Corps programs have been conducted, Micronesia is administered by the United States.

It is further recognized that the total U. S. effort in the Trust Territory must operate under the authority of the High Commissioner.

To achieve an orderly working relationship between the Trust Territory administration and the Peace Corps it is understood and agreed:

1. All Trust Territory department heads and all persons in responsible administrative positions at headquarters and in all districts will be expected to make every possible effort to achieve the smoothest possible coordination and cooperation so that the presence of the Peace Corps Volunteers will contribute a substantial and useful supplement to Trust Territory programs. Procedures will be established to maintain continuing liaison at all appropriate levels of Trust Territory administration.

2. In recognition of the High Commissioner's responsibility for administration and coordination of all government activities in the Trust Territory the Peace Corps will obtain prior consent of the High Commissioner with respect to:

- (a) The number of Volunteers to be assigned to the Trust Territory;
- (b) The assignment within the Trust Territory of such Volunteers and the timing of their arrival;
- (c) The type of services to be performed by the Volunteers.

In addition, the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory and the High Commissioner will discuss suitable additions to the training of Volunteers, including the possible participation in training by officers and employees of the Government of the Trust Territory.

3. Should any occasion arise in which the High Commissioner concludes that the continuing presence in the Trust Territory of any Volunteer or any Peace Corps staff member is not to the benefit of the Trust Territory, the Peace Corps agrees that it will direct such Volunteer or staff member to leave the Trust Territory promptly. Should such Volunteer or staff member fail to leave the Trust Territory promptly, the Peace Corps agrees that it will terminate the service of such Volunteer or staff member.

4. Should the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory or any member of his supervisory staff determine that a problem has arisen involving friction between officers or employees of the Trust Territory Government and Peace Corps Volunteers, the problem shall be reported immediately to the High Commissioner. The High Commissioner, in consultation with the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory, shall evaluate the problem and take such action with regard to the officer or employee of the Trust Territory Government as he may deem necessary.

5. It shall be the mutual responsibility of the High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in the Trust

Territory to establish policies and procedures covering on-the-job relationships between the Volunteers and the supervisors responsible for programs to which Volunteers may be assigned.

It is understood that both Volunteers and staff operate under the authority of the High Commissioner. All Peace Corps Volunteers will serve under the immediate supervision of local supervisors, either Micronesian or American. Peace Corps staff members shall be subject to the supervision of the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory, with freedom to consult with, but without authority to give direction to officers and employees of the Government of the Trust Territory.

6. In view of the interest manifest by members of the Congress of Micronesia, and district and municipal legislators, the High Commissioner will keep the legislative branch of government informed of Peace Corps program developments, and will seek recommendations from the Congress and legislators regarding program needs.

7. The Government of the Trust Territory is financed largely by Federal funds appropriated by the United States Congress and limited as to amount by an authorizing statute. Funds appropriated for the year beginning July 1, 1966, cannot be increased in the absence of further legislation. Accordingly, the Peace Corps understands that the Government of the Trust Territory is unable, unless further legislation and appropriations are obtained, to provide substantial financial assistance for the support of Peace Corps programs within the Trust Territory. In the absence of the expressed concurrence of the High Commissioner, based upon such Congressional approval as may be required, the Peace Corps will not assume the availability of any substantial Trust Territory support in the form of goods, funds, or services for Peace Corps programs. The High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory will, however, encourage participation at the district and municipal level

in support of Peace Corps operations. Specifically, where feasible, the High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory will seek contributions in the form of goods, funds, or services from the district legislatures and municipal councils to the Peace Corps operations in their respective district of municipality.

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