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Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve
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U. S. Department of Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mrs. Van Cleve:

This letter is for the purpose of reporting that members of the United Nations Visiting Mission are now on their way back to the United States. My staff and I are of the opinion that the Mission was composed of fair-minded individuals and that their appraisal of what they saw as they visited the various districts will be balanced and constructive. This is not to say that they will not be critical of certain programs and facilities, but in the numerous meetings we had with them here at headquarters, I felt the tone and content of their statements, questions, and recommendations were, on the whole, very friendly and helpful. To provide you with some flavor of their interest and our reactions to the questions they posed, I am enclosing a list of the questions they presented to us and the answers we prepared.

It should be noted that this summary does not include some pertinent and probing observations they made regarding the Peace Corps activities. They observed that the Peace Corps volunteers in a number of instances appear to be working at cross purposes with those of the Administration. I have asked for a memorandum on this matter so that I may have their impressions in writing for discussion with the Peace Corps administration here and at the Washington level, if necessary. As I develop more information on this, I shall keep you advised.

Meantime, it is indicated that the Trusteeship Council meeting will be set in New York in late May, possibly sometime around May 27 or June 1. We have been invited to decide whether we

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would prefer to be first on the schedule for reporting and debate or come later. This means in effect that we have an option of appearing in New York on or about June 1 or on or about June 10. It would be helpful if you could advise me as soon as possible whether the Interior Department has any preference in the matter or whether there may be any Congressional hearings at or about that time which might influence our decision. It makes relatively little difference to me, but one advantage of selecting the later date would be to enable us to accommodate a number of high school graduation invitations which have been extended to me and other members of the staff.

I am planning to have Neiman Craley accompany me for the UN report this year. Any suggestions you have or requirements which you may have which would influence the fixing of the date for our appearance would be most helpful.

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Sincerely yours,

W. B. Norwood
High Commissioner

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