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Mr. Richard Austin
Bureau of the Budget
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Austin:

I was delighted to be informed through a recent letter from Mrs. Van Cleve that you still plan to visit the Trust Territory, probably sometime in February. We are looking forward to further information regarding the exact dates of your proposed visit. We are also awaiting further advice from the Office of Territories regarding the dates of the hearings to be held by the Appropriations Committees of the US House and Senate. Indications are that these may be set for early February instead of late February as we had expected. I mention this because I hope that I can be on the job here during the period of your visit. If that is not possible, I am sure my staff would be prepared to give you complete cooperation and assistance in making whatever arrangements you may desire with respect to visiting any of the other districts.

Meantime, we appear to have a problem which I hope to have the opportunity, either in Washington or here, to discuss with you personally. The frequent exchange of radio communications between our office here and Interior in Washington indicates to me that we need more precise guidelines with respect to the type of information we should be submitting along with our budget requests. We are constantly being asked by Interior to send them supplementary data. I think it would be helpful if, when you are here, regardless of my presence, you could meet with our budget staff and lay out certain guidelines which we should be following. I have the impression that both the Interior Department and the Bureau of the Budget may be under the impression that we are providing as little information as we can; whereas, my policy is that we should provide as much information as we can to help you and our people in Interior understand the significance of our proposals and that under no circumstances should our proposals be construed as "holding out" pertinent and useful information. It will be very helpful to me if I could have your views on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Norwood

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