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Attention Mrs. Mullett
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Dear Mr. Schultze:

I refer to Assistant Secretary of the Interior Anderson's letter of May 10, 1967 transmitting to you a proposed Joint Resolution "Regarding the Status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands." As Mr. Anderson's letter indicates, the proposed resolution is based on a draft originally prepared by the Department of State and modified as a result of discussions between representatives of the Departments of Interior, Defense and State.

The Department of State joins the Department of the Interior in approving this proposed Joint Resolution. The resolution reflects an agreement which I reached in a meeting on April 10, 1967, with Under Secretary of the Interior Luce and representatives of Defense and the White House. All participants agreed on the necessity of moving rapidly to terminate the Trusteeship Agreement and bring the Trust Territory into a new and lasting association with the United States. Such action would be consistent with NSAM 145 of April 18, 1962, NSAM 268 of October 25, 1963 and the findings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that it is essential for strategic reasons that the Trust Territory continue to be associated with the United States.

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At the meeting on April 10, I stressed the Department's considered judgment that some form of self-governing status for the Trust Territory was necessary if the United States was to fulfill its legal obligation under Article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement, whereby the

The Honorable
Charles L. Schultze,
Director,
Bureau of the Budget

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