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Mr. Secretary:

Our White House contact on the Trust Territory status question (Charles Johnson) reports that the papers have gone forward from Mr. Califano to the President. Charles Johnson reports that you should be alert to the possibility of an early request that you join the President for the press conference at which this matter will be discussed.

In addition, Charles Johnson suggests that State be alerted so that it can have a suitable representative present (foreseen in the role of an observer, rather than an active participant, but participation may occur). I have brought this to the attention of the right person at State (Miss Elisabeth Brown, UNP).

He also suggests that we be prepared to suggest those members of the Congress who should be invited to the press conference as guests. I will confer with Assistant Secretary Anderson and will see that you soon have a suitable list. In the interval, in case you need it before we are in further touch, I would suggest the following:

From the House --

Mr. Aspinall, Interior Committee Chairman
Mr. Carey, Territories Subcommittee Chairman
Mr. Morton, Territories Subcommittee Ranking Minority Member
Mr. Saylor, Interior Committee Banking Minority Member
Mrs. Hansen, Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman
Mr. Reifel, Appropriations Subcommittee Ranking Minority Member

From the Senate --

Senator Jackson, Interior Committee Chairman
Senator Burdick, Territories Subcommittee Chairman
Senator Allott, Territories Subcommittee Ranking Minority Member
Senator Bible, member of Interior Committee and Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
Senator Kuchel, Interior Committee Ranking Minority Member and member of Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

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