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Dear Professor deSmith:

We have heard from Mr. Charles E. Johnson of the White House staff of your interest in the political development of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the types of political relationships which might, in the future, be worked out between the territory and the United States.

We are quite pleased to know of your interest and will be glad to give you all possible assistance in your work. We regard political development in this area, as, indeed, in the American territories, to be one of the most fascinating and important facets of our responsibility toward the territories. As you are undoubtedly aware, the President has proposed to the United States Congress legislation which would provide for a "commission" to examine the question of the political future of the Trust Territory. If you do not already have the text of the draft resolution or of the items of correspondence which accompanied it to the Congress, I would call your attention to the August 23, 1967, issue of the Congressional Record, pages 8 1211-1213. Since that date the proposal has been introduced in the House of Representatives as H.J.Res. 805.

Please do not hesitate to write to me, or to call upon me if we in the Office of Territories can be of any assistance to you during your project.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve

Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve
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