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Mr. N. Neiman Craley
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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Craley:

Enclosed is a statement we have prepared, entitled "Puerto Rico - Eve of Commonwealth", in the hope that it will assist you further in your political development discussions in the Trust Territory. This is the "word picture" we have been promising to send. It supplements my letter of September 6, with which we sent you a number of documents concerning the creation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and my letter of September 27, with which we transmitted a statement entitled "Key Features of Puerto Rico's Current Status".

By the time you receive this, I hope you will have received by radiogram from us an indication of who from Washington will be present in mid-November for the initial meeting of the Congress of Micronesia's study group. I regret enormously that I will not be able to come. I expect to be on sick leave for an extended period beginning later this month, and this will very regrettably prevent my being with you in Saipan. I wish you and our Micronesian colleagues great success in their undertakings.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve

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Enclosure

cc Cong. Martin

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