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Dear Miss Brown:

The last session of the Congress of Micronesia created a political status commission composed of one representative of the Congress of Micronesia from each of the six districts of the Territory. This commission was created to study the political and constitutional arrangements which might be available to the people of Micronesia and is expected to work in conjunction with the commission proposed to be established pursuant to the resolution now pending before the U.S. Congress.

The Congress of Micronesia commission has held its organizational meeting and is planning to undertake its work. Several members feel rather strongly that the commission should investigate the possibility of travel to the U.S. territories and to developing areas in the Pacific at some time in the next few months. The commission has directly inquired of the East-West Center as to whether or not the Center would be willing or able to assist such travel. We have also been asked whether or not the Department of State would be able to assist in such a project.

I should appreciate your investigating the possibility of such assistance and letting me know the position of the Department of State in this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleave

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