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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MARVIN WATSON

We checked with Governor<sup>x</sup> *Owen* Aspinall, who is in town for appropriations hearings, and with Stu Udall's office and found that there seems to be general agreement that short of having the President or a member of his family dedicate the Medical Center it would be best done by Udall as the President's representative. Udall is interested in doing it and would be available to make the trip in June. This timing does not worry Aspinall because we will satisfy the Samoan Legislature by announcing that we are responding to their Resolution and that the President will send his representative out in the near future.

Harry Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Interior, and Ruth Van Cleve, Director of the Office of Territories, have the ball and will make arrangements with Governor Aspinall and with the Secretary's office. They will also prepare a draft of a suitable message from the President for the White House to check out.

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