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Honorables Morris Cotton
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

I hope this reply to your letter of February 10, 1968, will be of help in replying to your constituent, regarding implementation of our agreement with the United Nations to provide for the economic and political development of Micronesia.

Under the Trusteeship Agreement of April 2, 1947, with the U.N. Security Council, the United States undertook to promote the economic, social, educational, and political development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia) towards self-government or independence. Although much progress has been made, much remains to be done in terms of standards we have set for various aspects of the Territory's development.

I am enclosing a copy of a statement made by High Commissioner Morwood before the U.N. Trusteeship Council, on June 8, 1967, which provides extensive information on developments in the Territory. You will note that there has been substantial political progress, particularly since the establishment of the Congress of Micronesia in 1965. In other fields, present U.S. efforts are aimed at accelerating all programs. These efforts concentrate on increasing the rate of development, particularly in educational and economic areas, and on extensive and comprehensive surveys for future development. Since 1961 annual appropriations for administration of the Territory have risen from \$7.5 million to \$14 million for the current fiscal year. Congress has authorized an expenditure of \$15 million for fiscal year 1969.

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The United States hopes that the inhabitants of the Trust Territory will be able to make a decision regarding their future political status in the not too far distant future. President Johnson proposed on August 21, 1966, that Congress pass a joint resolution to establish a commission on the future political status of the Territory, looking toward the holding of an act of self-determination not later than June 30, 1972. However, hearings on the President's proposal have not yet been held.

The Department of the Interior is responsible for civil administration of the Territory while the Department of State is responsible for the international aspects of the Trust Territory. U.S. administration comes under the careful scrutiny of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, which sends periodic visiting missions to the Territory to examine conditions there at first hand. In addition, the United States submits an annual report to the United Nations on its administration of the Territory, which is considered at the annual Council session. A copy of the 1966 annual report is enclosed.

If I can be of any further assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

1. Statement by High Commissioner Norwood
2. Copy of 1966 annual report

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