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Hon. William R. Norwood
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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Dear Mr. Norwood:

This will supplement my radio of today's date, telling you of my current April travel plans. I enclose a copy of my itinerary, which states in greater detail how and when I expect to travel. As I stated in my radio, I would hope and expect to journey to Saipan from Guam on Thursday morning, April 11, to be available for Trust Territory purposes, so to speak, from that point until approximately Monday, April 22. Thereafter I would like to devote my time to Guam matters, before departing from Guam on Wednesday evening, April 24.

I will defer to your views as to the feasibility and desirability of my visiting either Palau or Yap or both. I appreciate that time may be too short for both, and that, in any event, such advance planning is difficult at this time, given the state of Trust Territory airline schedules. But ideally I should like to visit these two districts, because I've been to neither since 1944. My first purpose, however, will be to be available in Saipan for whatever period makes sense to you. It seemed to me possible that I might be able to complete my Saipan business early in the week of April 15, thus having roughly a week for Palau and Yap. In any event, I am disposed to leave the April 11-April 22 interval loose until we can discuss the matter in Saipan.

There is some possibility, though it is not a probability, that Congressional hearings might interfere with the latter portion of my proposed trip. I have agreed to hurry back, if either the House or the Senate Committee decides to turn to any matter that I might usefully be present for. This is not likely to occur until late in the week of April 22, at the earliest, so I feel reasonably safe in the plans I have outlined.

Perhaps you will communicate with Mr. Salii my proposed time of Saipan arrival. It is likely to coincide rather closely, I should think, with that of Mr. Allen, the State Department representative who expects to come to Saipan when his New Guinea Visiting Mission job is completed. Our most recent information from the Department of Defense is that it will not send a representative to Saipan in April, but the matter is

apparently still receiving consideration. You may wish to pass it to Mr. Salii, however, as a probability, but not a certainty.

As I mentioned to you last month, it would be my hope that no one in the Trust Territory would inconvenience himself by meeting me at an airport, planning a social event, attending a social event, or whatever. The enormous generosity of everyone who lives on Pacific Islands is well known to me, and I have been grateful for it on many occasions in the past. But I know that the ceremonial aspects of visits can be expensive both as to time and money, and I very much hope these expenditures will be avoided in connection with my upcoming visit.

I very much look forward to seeing you.

I am sending copies of this letter to Governor Guerrero and Mr. Findley, and I enclose copies of my covering letters to them.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve

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Enclosure

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