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Hon. William R. Norwood
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
Kwajalein, Marshall Islands
(Hand carried by Commander Kuhn)

Dear Mr. Norwood:

This refers to our previous exchanges concerning the upcoming visit to the Trust Territory by the Inter-Agency Committee on the Trust Territory.

First, I enclose copies of three letters which created the Committee: Assistant Secretary Anderson's letter of June 27, 1968, to Assistant Secretary of Defense Warnke and Assistant Secretary of State Sisco; the State Department reply of July 3; and the Defense reply of July 9. As you will note, the Committee is, as I described it in my radiogram of August 27, a "low keyed middle level consultative group designed solely for purposes coordinating Washington and Trust Territory problems".

The Committee membership includes, at this time, Harrison Holland from Defense, Bill Gleysteen from State, Charles Johnson from the National Security Council, and me, as Chairman. We have succeeded, as the above correspondence suggested was desirable, in keeping paper work at a minimum and in maintaining a high degree of informality in our meetings. Our membership is by no means restricted to the above individuals. I would expect that Colonel Cavender of the Joint Chiefs will become, as a practical matter, a kind of "permanent" member. Commander Kuhn is likely often to meet with us. The State representation has fluctuated, depending upon who is not on out-of-town business, and often at least two have represented that Department. Mr. Milner has almost always joined us, and I assume always will when he is not out of the city. From time to time, on an ad hoc basis depending upon the subjects to be discussed, we will doubtless invite other agencies to join with us in discussions. HEW is a particularly likely candidate from time to time.

With respect to the forthcoming trip, I enclose two further documents: a Defense Department message containing considerable detail as to our plans, sent on August 27; and a copy of my own itinerary, which I hope and believe to be consistent with the Defense message. As you will note, those expected are Colonel Cavender from the Joint Chiefs, Lt. Commander Kuhn from International Security Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Lt. Commander Knott from the Navy, and a representative (whose name is not yet known) from CINCPAC. Mr. Holland cannot go, for he is about to transfer from Defense to State. Because of a variety of crises elsewhere on earth, State will not be represented. Mr. Milner will be with us from time to time. I plan to join the group on Kwajalein,

in order to be present when the Eniwetok leg has been completed, and to remain with it for the rest of the trip.

The purpose of the trip is, as my August 27 radiogram stated "to find facts and explore areas of possible cooperation between Interior, Trust Territory Government, and Defense". All of us know that there are in the Trust Territory numerous areas in which these agencies could work more closely, in order to achieve our mutual goals. These we mean to identify, and to work toward implementing. I would add that our agenda for the forthcoming trip does not include matters relating to the Trust Territory's political future. The Executive Branch position on this issue is clear at this time: we have urged Congressional action to create a status commission, and we remain hopeful that action will be taken in this Congress. Accordingly, the Defense message should not be read to suggest that the Committee will undertake explorations or discussions on this issue during its upcoming trip.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosures to Governor Guerrero, inasmuch as the Committee would like to meet with him (if he is on Guam on September 14, which I understand is not now certain) or other officials of the Government of Guam. I am also sending a copy to Captain Findley, in order to facilitate whatever arrangements you may wish to have him participate in. I would personally be grateful to Captain Findley if he could arrange housing for me during the intervals when we expect to be in Guam (the nights of September 9 and September 13 and 14). The Defense representatives will be housed on Guam by the military. Housing in Koror for the group, from September 10 through September 12, needs also to be arranged, as well as housing in Saipan for September 15 through 17. May we look to you to arrange this?

As the last page of the Defense message suggests, it is possible that additional military air transportation may be provided, and if it is, the September 3 (from Kwajalein) through September 13 (arrival in Guam) portion of the itinerary will be modified. If this should develop (and our current planning is based on the supposition that it will not), I have asked Colonel Cavender to advise the Trust Territory Liaison Officer in Kwajalein. I presume he will know what to do next.

I am also sending a copy of this letter, with its enclosures, to Mr. Mangan in Saipan.

I hope this will be sufficient to answer any questions that you may have or that may develop. If not, doubtless Mr. Milner, and the Defense representatives who will join you in Kwajalein, will be able to do so. I look forward to seeing you about a week hence.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Ruth G. Van Clave

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Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Martin Mangan, Saipan, w/encl.
Gov. Guerrero, Guam, w/encl.
Mr. Gordon Findley, Guam, w/encl.

Gov. Guerrero, Wash. w/o encl.
Mr. George Milner w/o encl. (hand
carried to Kwajalein by Cdr. Kuha)

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FOLLOWING RE PROPOSED VISIT OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMMENT. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO FIND FACTS AND EXPLORE AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN INTERIOR, TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, AND DEFENSE. AS EARLIER HAD STATED, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU OR YOUR REP BE PRESENT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL ON KWAJALEIN AND GUAM. GROUP EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF 6 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MILITARY, OF WHICH ONE FROM OFFICE SECRETARY DEFENSE, ONE FROM JOINT CHIEFS. ONE FROM HQT IN WASHINGTON, ONE FROM CINCPAC. STATE MAY SEND REPRESENTATIVE BUT POSSIBILITY REMOTE AT THIS TIME. VAN CLEVE WILL BE PART OF GROUP MOST OF TIME. MILNER WILL FROM TIME TO TIME OVERLAP. MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES WILL ARRIVE KWAJALEIN SEPTEMBER 1. VAN CLEVE NOW EXPECTS ARRIVE KWAJALEIN SEPTEMBER 5 MAC FLIGHT. MILNER WILL BE IN VICINITY WITH BIKINI EXPEDITION. MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, MILNER, AND YOU OR YOUR REP WOULD GO TO

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ENDETOK SEPTEMBER 5 KWAJALEIN TIME RETURNING FOLLOWING DAY.
DISCUSSIONS WITH MILITARY KWAJ TO OCCUR SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7.
COMMITTEE WOULD THEN PROCEED PROBABLY PALAU CONCERNING FROM
KWAJ SEPTEMBER 8 ARRIVING PALAU SEPTEMBER 10, ALL ON AIR
MICRONESIA. MILNER PROBABLY WILL VISIT TRUK POMAPE IN LIKU
PALAU. COMMITTEE WOULD ARRIVE GUAM FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 FOR
DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 14. PROCEED SAIPAN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16
FOR DISCUSSION AT HEADQUARTERS. LEAVE SAIPAN SEPTEMBER 18 FOR
RETURN TO HONOLULU FOR DISCUSSIONS CINCOPAC AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 18.
RETURN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 19. WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS RE
FOREGOING. TWO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. (1) DO YOU FORESEE THAT
FIXING BIKINI TRIP WILL PERMIT MILNER AND YOU OR YOUR REP TO
VISIT ENDETOK SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6 KWAJALEIN TIME. (2) WE REALIZE
BIKINI DEPARTURE HAS BEEN PROJECTED ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1.
WE HAVE ANTICIPATED POSSIBILITY SOME SLIPPAGE IN ORDER TO PERMIT
DEVELOPMENT ACTUAL EVEN IF GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. FURTHER
WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER YOU OR YOUR REP WHO MIGHT PARTICIPATE
KWEYE-KWAJALEIN DISCUSSIONS IN CONCERT WITH ABOVE FOUR MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVES WOULD EXPECT DISEMBARK AT KWAJALEIN OR WELJUG.

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CAN YOU ADVISE WHETHER BIKINI TRIPING LIKELY TO RESUME IN YOU OR
YOUR REP BEING PRESENT KWAJALEIN AND ENKYE FOR DISCUSSIONS THERE
BEFORE ENIWETOK VISIT OUTLINED ABOVE. OR SHOULD WE ASSUME YOU
OR YOUR REP UNAVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE UNTIL JUST AFTER
ENIWETOK VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. VAN CLEVE SENDS

(Sgd.) Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleave

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cc Col. Cavender
Don Mc Henry
Des. Milner (for Lane)
Capt. Fridley

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