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Mr. Quentin R. Avey  
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Dear Mr. Avey:

Your letter of October 19, is a very eloquent statement of the educational needs of the people of the Trust Territory, and it is obvious that you are sincerely and deeply interested in the educational advancement of the young people of these islands. This is an interest which we fully share. The future of any area is, of course, the future of its youth.

It is not possible to turn back the clock and do today what perhaps should have been done in earlier days. However, I believe the progress which we have made in the past eight years in education is substantial and I hope it is a progress which will continue in the future. One of the features of this educational effort has been the expansion of scholarship opportunities for post-high school students. Your letter suggests another area where scholarships might usefully be made available, and I am calling your letter to the attention of the High Commissioner. The Trust Territory does provide some assistance to some high school students for study on Guam, and it might well be possible to extend this kind of assistance to other students in Hawaii. The newly appointed Director of Education for the Trust Territory has had many years of experience in the school system of Hawaii, both public and private, and should be in a position to assess the feasibility of scholarship assistance to deserving students for study in that State.

Your good wishes are greatly appreciated. An autographed picture is being sent to you as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Rostow

Enclosure

9 Referred to William R. NORWOOD 12/21/68

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