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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Section 2(f) of Executive Order 10737 provides that Federal assistance under Public Law 875 shall terminate upon expiration of one year from the date of notification to the Governor of the President's determination that a "major disaster" exists, except that, in unusual circumstances the Director, with the consent of the President, may extend this period.

On March 21, 1967, you declared a "major disaster" for various areas of the Palau District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands affected by Typhoon Sally. The High Commissioner was notified of this determination on March 21, 1967. On October 16, 1967, you authorized an extension of time for this disaster until December 31, 1968.

We have reviewed the work program under this disaster declaration, and it is evident that certain approved work cannot be completed within established time limits. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command, which is performing the major portion of the PL 875 work in this disaster, has advised that, because of shipping delays, they cannot accomplish school reconstruction on Koror by the current December 31, 1968, deadline.

Since this delay is beyond the control of the Trust Territory, I recommend that you authorize me to approve an additional extension of time as indicated below for this "major disaster".

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