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The Honorable Joe Sisco
Assistant Secretary of State
State Department
Washington D.C. 20007

Dear Joe:

I am now temporarily "retired" from politics. [I was at Georgetown Hospital last summer and the doctors there recommended that I take it easy for awhile.] I am all right now and should be getting myself involved again in the development of our Territory of Guam and the Trust Territory of the United States.

I am the President of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Guam, Inc. and also the President of the Bottling Company of Micronesia, Inc. The plant for the Micronesian Corporation is located in Saipan. I get to see the Micronesian leaders very frequently. We discuss their political future very often.

Joe, I am quite concerned about the deteriorating situation in the Trust Territory. Two or three years ago, I reported a favorable picture to you. There was no question in my mind at that time that a majority of the Micronesians would favor closer association with the United States if they were asked to make a determination. Now, I have some doubts.

During the two or three visits I had with you, I recommended very strongly setting up a machinery to sell America to these people. The reason why Guam is so completely American is because my generation and the generation of Guamanians before us felt that closer association with the United States is the best set-up for us. Remember, eighteen years ago, the Guamanians were not American citizens. Joe, we were sold on the idea that closer association with the metropolitan power was the best course of action to follow. This is not the case in Western Samoa or the Cook Islands and in most of the islands in the South and Western Pacific.

I am enclosing in this letter a copy of a letter which I received from one of the political leaders in Micronesia. A copy of one of their resolutions is also enclosed.

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The next two years is a very critical period for the United States in Micronesia. We must implement a program immediately to recover the confidence of the Micronesian in our way of life, our American Government and our nation.

Yours truly,



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