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Mr. James F. Barie
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

In accordance with earlier discussions with you and Mr. Holdridge, the Department has developed an estimate of the resource requirements for Ambassador Williams' Micronesian negotiations staff. In developing this estimate we have discussed the requirements for the planned activities with Ambassador Hummel and Messrs. Guidice and Radewagon of the Interior Department. They have not been asked to concur in the estimated financial plan nor the distribution of costs by agency, subject to review by your office. Copies of the plan have been forwarded to them for their information and comment, however.

Neither have we discussed the distribution of these costs as shown on the attached table with DOD or USIA. I assume that when final decisions are reached by OMB regarding appropriate financing alternative that your office will assume the responsibility for discussions with all agencies concerned.

As you are aware, specific detail to support each element of these estimates is not available. We have developed the plan on the basis of limited detail in an attempt to expedite formulation of an initial financing arrangement for the staff and distribution of costs to the agencies concerned, none of which budgeted in 1972 for these expenses. No costs have been assessed against Interior on the assumption that they are prevented from participation by the recent Congressional action. Should this assumption

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be incorrect, you should be aware that the terms of reference for the creation of the staff assigned primary responsibility to the Department of Interior.

We will be pleased to discuss this estimate with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Richard W Murray
Richard W. Murray
Acting

Attachment:
As stated.

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