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Dear Oscar:

When you were here for the POLAD Conference, I promised to provide you with some material concerning negotiating developments involving the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands. Since then there has been a proliferation of paper dealing with this subject. Each new document was out of date almost before it was typed. Finally, however, a paper has been produced concerning the Marianas which I believe may well survive for a time. I am enclosing a copy for your use.

At present this paper is still being circulated among the members of the Inter Agency Group for final departmental comment prior to submission to the Under Secretaries Committee. There may be a few changes during this process, but I doubt that there will be many. You can therefore safely consider this paper to be a very nearly definitive discussion of the issues and options involved in the Marianas negotiations.

If there are any major changes to this paper, I will let you know but I don't expect any.

Sincerely yours,

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