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The Reverend Joseph A. Cavanagh, S.J. Executive Secretary
The Bishop's Committee for Human Development P.O. Box 160
Ponape, Caroline Islands 96941

Dear Father Cavanagh:

Your October 9 letter to the High Commissioner concerning the establishment of the Bishop's Committee for Human Development was passed on to me by the High Commissioner for reply as he was in the midst of preparation for his travel to Washington to appear before committees of the U.S. Congress in connection with the budget for the Trust Territory Government and other matters related to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The objectives of the Committee are indeed in line with those of the departments of the Government dealing with human development, and we commend your efforts in this vitally important area. The membership of the Committee would seem to assure strong support for your work and we have every reason to believe that the Committee's efforts will complement those of the Government departments dealing with human development. We note, however, that the success of the work of the Committee will, to a large extent, depend on your performance as Executive Secretary. The role you play, therefore, is a vitally important one.

With respect to your request for assistance in setting up lines of exampleation Ash the verious offices and departments in this headment is concerned with human development in order to facilitate your role as the liaison between the work of the Church and the work of the Government in these islands, I have asked our Department of Public Affairs to disseminate the information concerning your Committee for Human Development to all departments in this headquarters. We are fully in agreement that there is plenty of room for improvement in our lines of communication within as well as without, and there is a continued effort toward overcoming our many communication

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problems. Along this line, I am happy to report that our Department of Public Affairs has been requested to place you on our regular mailing list and you will be receiving reports and other materials published by the various departments of our Government.

I note that one of your functions as Executive Secretary is to edit a newsletter which will disseminate information on socio-economic questions to all those concerned with these matters both in the Church in Micronesia and in the larger society. We gratefully accept your offer to have your newsletter sent to all interested departments in this Government, both at the headquarters and district levels.

I acknowledge with full support your desire to improve communication in our islands and I am confident that by working together in this common endeavor we can accomplish a great deal in achieving our objectives.

Sincerely yours,

Peter T. Coloman Deputy High Commissioner

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