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Dear Mr. Cutler:

Carl Maw has asked me to reply to your letter to him of November 4 in which you discuss the question whether the United States has "permanent" use rights in its Military Retention Land in the Northern Mariana Islands.

I have read your letter and its accompanying memorandum carefully and have conveyed copies of both to Ambassador Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations. Any detailed response to the points you have raised would, of course, have to come from Ambassador Williams. However, without getting into specifics, I would like to assure you that the Department of State is very conscious of the obligations of the United States as the administering authority of the Trust Territory and, of course, intends that those obligations be fully respected.

Sincerely,

Oliver T. Johnson
Special Assistant to
the Legal Adviser

cc: Ambassador Williams
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