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Honorable Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific
Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands
APO 96950

Dear Mr. Johnston

Members of my staff recently (9-12 Jan 74) conducted an official visit to Saipan and Tinian as a means of completing the medical portion of the Environmental Impact Statement on the Crested Isle project. They wish to express a profound appreciation for the invaluable assistance provided, during the entire visit, by Captain William B. Smith (Air Force veterinarian), Chief, Animal Health Services, Agricultural Extension Services, TTPI.

Captain Smith very graciously and expertly anticipated their logistics needs, appropriate TTPI health, agricultural and local official contact needs and arranged for appointments with those several contacts. This, he did while conducting his many functions in the Animal Health Services. Without his assistance, my staff could not have completed its mission in the time allotted.

These same members wish to express a great depth of appreciation through your office for the gracious manner in which they were received by Miss Mary Trent, US State Department Representative to the TTPI. Due to scheduling difficulties, Miss Trent generously gave of her time to meet with my staff members twice at times external to regular duty hours. Her comments and assistance in many other facets of the trip were truly appreciated.

It is with pleasure and my sincere thanks that I pass this commendatory message along to you. I would also be grateful if you were to let Miss Trent and Captain Smith know of my appreciation for their exceptional courtesies and assistance.

Sincerely

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