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The Honorable James R. Schlesinger  
Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20301

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to advise you that I have designated three members of the staff of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to carry out an investigation into the management of the public works programs being carried out in Micronesia by the Department of the Interior. They are: Mr. Daniel A. Dreyfus, Engineering Consultant to the Committee; Mr. James P. Beirne, Counsel for the Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Affairs; and Mr. Walter S. Fialkewicz, an investigator assigned from the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

As you are aware, the Micronesian status negotiations, which are, hopefully, nearing final stages, are of great significance to United States foreign policy.

In the past several years, with an eye toward the changing status of the area, the Congress has greatly expanded the public works authorization for the Trust Territory. This Committee has presently pending before it a supplemental authorization request which would further increase the program authorized earlier this Congress (P.L. 93-111) by 25 percent.

Plans for the remaining years of the Trusteeship Agreement and the terms of possible future status agreements contemplate accelerated public works programs to prepare Micronesia for greater economic self-sufficiency. A sound management program will be essential to insure the effective use of funds expended upon public works in future years.

The investigating team will visit American Samoa, Guam, and several foreign locations, as well as a number of the Micronesian Islands. It will depart from Washington, D. C., on October 21, 1974, and will be in the

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Pacific Area until about November 16th. Because the Department of Defense has important interests in and involvement with Micronesia, the team may wish to consult with Defense Department representatives in various locations enroute.

I am writing to request your cooperation and support for the investigation. I will appreciate your assistance in arranging for interviews with field representatives of your Department and in providing local transportation or other support which may enhance the value of the investigation.

Please have an appropriate member of your staff contact Mr. Dreyfus (225-1076) for further details.

Sincerely,



Henry M. Jackson  
Chairman

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