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Mr. Benjamin Gerig, Director  
Office of Dependent Area Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gerig:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 1953 forwarding information on Olympic Borja now studying in Australia under a United Nations fellowship.

The situation outlined in the enclosure to your letter has been called to the attention of the responsible officials in the field with a request that they take appropriate action.

Your cooperation in keeping us informed about Mr. Borja is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1953

My dear Captain Winfrey:

As arranged in a telephone conversation between Mr. Fowler of this Office and Lt. Comdr. Herrick, I am enclosing for your consideration and such action as may be appropriate a copy of a letter dated April 28, 1953 to Mr. Forest D. Murden, United States Mission to the United Nations, from Mr. Howard Daniel, of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, to which is attached a copy of a letter to Mr. Daniel from Mr. Minter, United Nations Technical Assistance Liaison Officer in Sydney, Australia under the auspices of Olympic Borja, who is now studying in Australia under the auspices of a United Nations fellowship and who is apparently concerned about the welfare of his family during his absence from Saipan and his own employment following his return from Australia. We have asked Mr. Murden to thank Mr. Daniel for the information concerning Mr. Borja's problems and to assure him that appropriate steps are being taken to reassure Mr. Borja.

We have today been advised by the United States Mission to the United Nations of the receipt by Mr. Daniel of an urgent wire from Mr. Minter in Sydney stating that Borja is advised by his wife that his salary has been discontinued during his absence and that she is in distress. Mr. Minter has requested urgent action and has been informed by wire that the matter has been taken up with the United States Government.

In view of the latest information from Sydney, I would suggest that this matter should be handled on an urgent basis, perhaps by a telegram from the Civil Administrator on Saipan directly to Mr. Borja reassuring him concerning his family and, if possible, about his future opportunities for employment in Saipan.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Benjamin Gerig  
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Director, Office of  
Dependent Area Affairs

Captain J. A. Winfrey  
Director of Administration and Plans,  
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30 April 1953

Dear Mr. Murden,

Since writing to you on 28 April, we have heard further from Mr. J. Minter, the Technical Assistance Board Liaison Officer in Australia concerning Mr. Olympio Tudela Borja, United Nations scholar from Saipan. Mr. Minter informs us that Mr. Borja will have to undergo surgery. We understand that his condition is not serious but that it should be given immediate attention. We thought that you Delegation should have this information.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Daniel, Chief  
Economic Development and Public  
Administration Section  
Fellowships Office  
Technical Assistance Administration

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cc: Mr. Benjamin Gerig

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TAA 336/2/080 - Borja - 53

April 28, 1953

Dear Mr. Murden,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the United Nations Technical Assistance Board's Liaison Officer in Sydney concerning Mr. Olympio Tudela Borja, United Nations scholar from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Saipan), who is now studying in Australia.

It is understandable that Mr. Borja, who has probably never been away from home before, is unduly concerned. If it is possible for his superiors in Saipan to write to him, c/o Mr. Minter's office in Sydney and assure him that he has nothing to worry about, I am sure that his morale will be bolstered and his studies in Australia will benefit.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Howard Daniel, Chief  
Economic Development and Public  
Administration Section  
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cc: Mr. Benjamin Gerig  
Mr. John Minter

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17 April 1953

Mr. Howard Daniel, Chief  
Economic Development and Public  
Administration Section  
Fellowships Division  
Technical Assistance Administration  
United Nations  
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Daniel,

Re TAA Scholar - Olympio Tudela Borja - Saipan

Mr. Borja has expressed concern as to the fate of his wife and baby daughter during his absence from Saipan. Although we have pointed out to him that the nominating government is obliged to make financial arrangements for his dependents, he is somewhat apprehensive because the civil administration has been replaced by a naval administration. I would be pleased if you would write to Mr. Borja and let him know just what arrangements have been made to ensure his dependents are adequately provided for during his absence.

He also tells me that the job which he was doing before taking up the scholarship has been filled and he believes that on his return to Saipan he will have to cast about and look for some employment. Altogether it looks very much as if the authorities on Saipan did not explain the conditions of the award to Mr. Borja, or at least they did not explain them sufficiently, or themselves may not have understood them.

This Fellow is a very likeable and willing young man and should do quite well here in Australia. However, he has not been long married and he left a young wife and baby daughter behind so it is natural that he should worry about them if he feels they are insecure. A letter of reassurance either from yourself or from the Director of the Trust Territories would do much to overcome the feeling of homesickness from which he appears to be suffering.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John R. Minter  
United Nations TAB Liaison Officer

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