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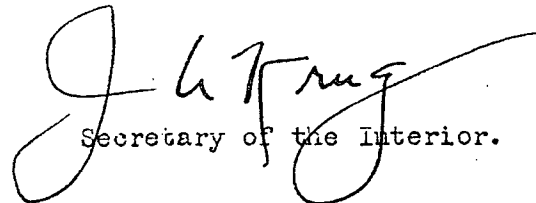
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My dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of February 11, 1948, the Department, through its Division of Territories and Island Possessions, will proceed to make plans to assume general supervision over the civil administration of Guam, Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The staff of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions is small, but a means will be found to get the job under way without delay. We are asking for some additional personnel in our 1949 budget, but this personnel if granted will not be available until July 1. Under the circumstances we may be compelled to seek additional funds or possibly the detail of qualified personnel from other agencies without reimbursement to such agencies.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary of the Interior.

The President,

The White House.

