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26 April 1950

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter to the President of 15 March 1950 contains certain proposals regarding matters affecting the transfer of administrative responsibility for the Trust Territory from the Department of the Navy to the Department of Interior.

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It is understood that the joint report to be submitted to the President by 1 May 1950, as contemplated by paragraph 10 of a memorandum of understanding between the Departments of the Navy and Interior regarding the transfer of administrative responsibility for the Trust Territory, will not be ready for submittal by that date. The President, therefore, is agreeable to the postponement of this date for submittal to 1 June 1950. He will withhold consideration of the proposals put forward by your letter of 15 March pending study of this report.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Interior.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ *John P. Stetson*

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