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My dear Mr. Elliott:

Fred Sutherland very kindly allowed me to read your letter to him of January 30 regarding Mr. Joseph B. Ford's qualifications for a position in the Trust Territory.

We are much impressed by Mr. Ford's background and appreciate very much your calling his name to our attention. As you may know, former Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah has been appointed by the President as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. He will be recruiting civilians to replace naval personnel in the Trust Territory Government. We are looking for persons of high caliber to recommend to him for appointment. From your letter, it would appear that Mr. Ford is such a person.

I would appreciate it very much if you would have Mr. Ford complete and send me a Federal civil service application form. You may be assured that it will receive careful consideration.

I had a full evening with Fred before he left for Pasadena. I think he will enjoy his work in American Samoa and make a real contribution.

Please feel free to write me if you have any further suggestions on matters of interest to the Department.

Sincerely yours,

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