

Two Park Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.,
July 2, 1953.

Dear Doug:

You may be interested in the enclosed
report from Mason Sears, United States
Representative in the Trusteeship Council,
concerning Frank E. Midkiff. He apparently
did an excellent job.

Faithfully yours,

/s/

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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Enclosure.

The Honorable
Douglas McKay,
Secretary of the Interior.

to the opening statement of the High Commissioner and in particular to his subsequent replies to questions put to him by members of the Council. Mr. Midkiff has been in office, I understand, for only a few short months, but already he has clearly acquired an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of the affairs of the Trust Territory."

MR. PIGNON (for France):

"We are encouraged by the fact that the High Commissioner, whose competence and human warmth we have highly appreciated, was kind enough to take some of our observations into account."

MR. RYCKMANS (for Belgium):

"We have enjoyed watching his ^{Mr. Midkiff's} enthusiasm for the beautiful mission which he has accepted and his solicitude for the indigenous population."

MR. PERRY (for New Zealand):

"My delegation has been particularly impressed by the depth of his ^{Mr. Midkiff's} understanding of the social customs and problems of the people of the territory."

MR. DE MARCHENA (for the Dominican Republic):

"My delegation wishes to associate itself with those representatives who have spoken of the great work done by the High Commissioner. From the first contact of the Visiting Mission with the High Commissioner, a few days after his appointment, we were convinced that we had in him a man not only of great capacity, but of gifts which would be most helpful in his work. We feel that a most happy choice was made in his appointment."

MR. RIFAI (for Syria):

"I wish on behalf of my delegation to pay tribute to the special representative. I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Midkiff in Honolulu and I must say that our first acquaintance left me with excellent impressions regarding his humane and realistic approach to the great task which confronts him."