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Dear Mr. Midkiff:

I received the letter you wrote me while in Washington and was glad to have a report of your various activities as High Commissioner of the Trust Islands.

I can appreciate your natural interest in being named to Ambassadorial rank, and I want you to know that the absence of a decision in this regard has not been due to any failure or shortcomings on your part. Rather, there is still in progress an examination of the various posts to which Ambassadorial rank was given in the past. Many think they became too numerous during the last administration, particularly in Europe. At the moment, I regret that I cannot tell you anything more positive until completion of a survey of our entire diplomatic structure.

Many thanks for your kind expressions and may I, in turn, extend all good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

SHERMAN ADAMS

The Honorable Frank E. Midkiff
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