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Bishop's Residence,
Truk, Caroline Is.,
Trust Territory, Pacific

Oct. 26, 1959.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

By this time, or at least when you see this, I trust that you will be back in Washington and resting from your strenuous days of visiting the Trust Territory Islands of the Pacific.

I simply want to express my sincere appreciation of your thoughtfulness in taking the time to visit our mission station at Tunmuk on the Island of Moen. I do not have to stress the point that the trip resulted in a certain amount of physical discomfort to yourself and Mrs. Seaton and your party.

You cannot estimate what the fact of your presence meant to the Fathers of the Mission, and much more so to the Sisters and children of St. Cecelia's School when you attended their little program of "raising the Flag". That was a high point in their lives.

Mrs. Seaton's interest in the art work of the children made a wonderful impression, and for Sister Amalia, who has encouraged and developed their native talent, it was most rewarding.

I feel sure that your tour of the Islands will result in a better understanding of the work being done here and bear fruit in many ways.

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Seaton. To her, as to Miss Tise and Mr. Lausi, all of us here wish to express our thanks and beg God's blessing on all.

Very sincerely yours,

Francis J. Kennedy

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