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Dear Governor Burns:

The memorandum entitled "U. S. Territorial Responsibility in the Pacific" contains many interesting suggestions. I have passed them on to the Department of the Interior and to the Department of Defense, which are responsible for the administration of these territories, as well as to the State Department.

I am sure you are aware that substantially increased attention is being paid to the Pacific Islands in Washington at this time. Developments with regard to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands are, I think, particularly significant. The arrival in July of William R. Norwood, with whom Jake Jacobsen and I met yesterday and who is the vigorous new High Commissioner, armed with what we hope will be a very significant budget increase and several hundred Peace Corps volunteers, should get the Territory moving the way we know it must.

The Guamanians have a saying that America's day begins in Guam, a fact not many mainlanders realize. Let us hope that the ideals and vigorous promises of the American way of life can spread from that little outpost throughout the whole area as the people of the South Pacific move into the modern world.

Sincerely,

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