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To: Paul Martin

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A couple of weeks ago I was brought together with Merrill J. Collett, President of Executive Management Service here in Washington to discuss a possible story on Micronesia. I have a continuing interest in the area, ever since World War II when I visited some of the islands as a naval officer. I have been back several times, the last being three years ago when I did a four-page report for the magazine on what I described as the "appalling results" of our stewardship.

Collett has spent a good deal of time in the Trust Territory in the past year, on a Government-financed study. What he had to report, informally at lunch, went far beyond story interests. I was astounded at what he had found.

Worse, I discovered that he cannot seem to get anyone inside Government, including Interior, to pay serious attention.

I asked Collett to summarize his findings. They are included in the three-page letter attached to this memo.

Can you do me a great favor? As a concerned individual, not as an editor, I'd like to get Collett's letter into the hands of someone who will look into this situation. The longrange, strategic implications are enormous. The ideal person would be the new Interior Secretary. Perhaps you could get it to him through Herb Klein, and in so doing, advise Herb that I rarely get uptight about such matters. But I know that this Administration has increased the Trust Territory Budget far greater than its predecessors and gives the impression of being concerned. I feel the information in the attached letter should concern the new Secretary.

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P.S. This entire file can be passed along with Collett's knowledge.