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**Dear Mr. Fodgen:**

**The President has asked me to respond to your recent letter regarding the construction of clinics and dispensaries in Micronesia.**

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**We have been in touch with the Department of the Interior and have learned of the report which they have forwarded to Secretary Weinberger. Evidently, the construction materials are not of the inflammable and potentially poisonous nature which you had earlier suspected. Further, it appears that there is really no guarantee that the work could be done in Guam with the same high quality yet at a lower cost.**

**We continue to share your concern for the welfare of the people of Micronesia and trust that this particular construction program will prove a great benefit to them. Thank you for sharing with us your concerns.**

**Sincerely,**

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