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Dear Mr. Hosie:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting assistance in the funding of the Mariana Island Livestock Center by the Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

I appreciate your continued efforts to make that project a reality. Having consulted with the Office of Minority Business Enterprise for an explanation of its inability to fund your program at this time, I have discovered the budget limitations of that Office for fiscal year 1974 are very real. As a result of their funding constraints, they are only able to maintain the existing projects which are performing satisfactorily. Any new initiatives will be to fill the void which has come about as a result of defunding.

Sincerely,

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 for Domestic Affairs

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