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Dear Mr. Doolin:

The Department of the Interior only recently learned of the Commander in Chief Pacific plan for the significant military exercise PHIBTRAEK FTPI (QUICK JAB) tentatively scheduled for June 7-12, 1974 on Tinian Island. Since, according to Executive Order No. 11021, the Secretary of the Interior is charged with full authority for the governance of the Trust Territory, this Department is concerned that it has not been fully involved in the clearance process relating to this proposed exercise. We note that, even though the date for Presidential decision for exercise cancellation is less than three weeks away, this Department has yet to receive a formal request for comments or clearance.

On the basis of the CINCPAC brief on the exercise dated April 8, 1974 and prepared by Comdr. A. L. Alexander, Interior remains unconvinced that "QUICK JAB" would have any positive political impact in Tinian or elsewhere in Micronesia. I would, therefore, appreciate additional and detailed explanatory material assessing the political implications of the proposed operation. It would appear that the full interagency review necessary before moving ahead with QUICK JAB will necessitate a postponement of the exercise at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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