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Ms. Perdita Huston
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Dear Ms. Huston:

As you are aware, the President's territorial policy statement of last February gives the Department of Interior the lead responsibility for guiding Federal assistance with respect to the social, economic and political development of the U.S. territories. To accomplish this, the policy envisions major emphasis on the improvement of inter and intra governmental program coordination, and the delivery of technical assistance support to help strengthen territorial governments. As an indication of our progress toward these objectives, we have proposed an expansion of fiscal and human resources for the coming year, and legislation has been submitted to the Congress that, when enacted, will give the Department technical assistance authority permitting it to make use of a wide range of public and private expertise to assist the territories.

Our ability to implement the President's policy effectively will be based on our clear understanding of the field organizations and related delegations of authority within each agency having programs in the territories. Therefore, we would like very much to have prior to October 1:


1. An organization description (use charts if helpful) of field offices within your agency having administrative or decision making responsibilities for matters affecting the Pacific territories, the Trust Territory, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. If decisions for any particular program are made in Washington, D.C., please specify.
2. The established delegated authorities (levels of funding --FY '81 and '82, discretionary authorities, programs administered, size of staff, etc.) and officials currently having these authorities, their locations and telephone numbers.

Your assistance in this effort is essential to the success of the President's program, and I would appreciate your timely response as this material will be discussed at the next meeting of the Interagency Committee for Territorial Assistance. This information is needed notwithstanding the

fact that we have made contact with the Federal Regional Councils of Region II and Region IX and the fact that the departments and agencies have designated points of contact on territorial matters.

For further information regarding this request, please contact Mr. Matthew N. Novick, Director, Office of Technical Assistance on 343-4755, or Mr. George R. Milner, Director, Office of Program Coordination on 343-6816.

Sincerely,



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