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Honorable David A. Stockman
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in reply to your request of December 29, 1983, for a report on "State's draft Compact of Free Association including a draft Presidential letter and Section-by-Section Analysis."

This Department recommends that the bill be enacted.

Title Two, sections 221, 224, 225 and 226 of the draft Compact of Free Association would authorize certain Federal agencies to continue to provide services and assistance in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement. It also leaves open to future agreement the possibility of extending other Federal programs to those areas.

We have no objections and can foresee no potential adverse impact on the various programs of this Department in the areas in question. We would have no objection to approval of the proposed Compact of Free Association as written.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Lyng
Deputy Secretary