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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1984 expressing your views on various issues related to the Compact of Free Association.

The Administration recognizes the historic interest and commitment of your committee regarding the Trust Territory. After further study, the President has determined that funding for the Compact will be lodged in function 800, subfunction 806, of the President's budget for FY85. We anticipate that Compact funding will be located in function 800, subfunction 806 in succeeding fiscal years as well.

We look forward to discussing in detail the terms of the Compact and any other related matters that are of interest to you as implementing legislation is considered.

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable James A. McClure, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate.