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Honorable John H. Carley  
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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Carley:

This letter constitutes my comments on the draft executive order entitled "Management of the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau" that was circulated by you on February 13, 1986.

As the document circulated was in fact an earlier draft of the EO, I am submitting, for the record, the most recent draft, which is the one that I transmitted to Director Miller in my February 3 letter and which constitutes my comment and clearance.

At a February 14 meeting I had with representatives of the Departments of Interior, State and Defense, the only issue raised that would require some redrafting of the proposed EO had to do with the necessity to continue a specific, but temporary, authority for the Secretary of the Interior and his agents to complete the closure of the Trust Territory Government and certain associated transition activities. We agreed that this matter could be resolved through a minor revision to Section 6(a) of the EO and I have a proposal for that revision in the full EO enclosed with this letter. The following paragraph shows, in delete and insert form, the change to Section 6(a):

Section 6. Supersession and saving provisions. (a) Prior Executive Orders concerning the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, ~~including Executive Order No. 11021 of May 7, 1962, as amended,~~ are hereby superseded and rendered inapplicable, except that applicable provisions of Executive Order No. 11021 of May 7, 1962, as amended, shall remain in effect, in a manner consistent with this Order, only insofar as is required to terminate the Trust Territory Government and discharge its responsibilities, at which time such Executive Order shall be superseded.



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I will be pleased to assist OMB in the review and clearance process in any way you may request.

Sincerely,

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Ambassador

Enclosure

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