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The Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of note No. TR 140 Pacific (1959) dated January 8, 1959, from the Director, Division of Trusteeship, regarding the composition of, and the arrangements for the UN Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories in the Pacific. This information has been forwarded to the Department of State in Washington.

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Bruxelles, le 10 janvier 1959.

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Monsieur le Directeur,

J'ai reçu communication des dispositions prises au sujet du départ de New-York de la Mission de Visite dans le Pacifique.

Je vous confirme que je désire participer au voyage par chemin de fer pour lequel le départ de New-York est fixé au 3 février prochain. J'arriverai à New-York par s/s United States le 30 janvier dans la matinée.

Je vous remercie des précisions données quant aux précautions d'ordre médical et vaccinations obligatoires. Je prendrai ces vaccins avant mon départ de Bruxelles.

Agréez, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

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change of programme
re Paris travel.
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A. CLAEYS BOUUAERT,
Représentant de la Belgique au
Conseil de Tutelle des Nations Unies.

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Monsieur H.A. WIESCHHOFF,
Directeur,
Division de la Tutelle,
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NEW-YORK.



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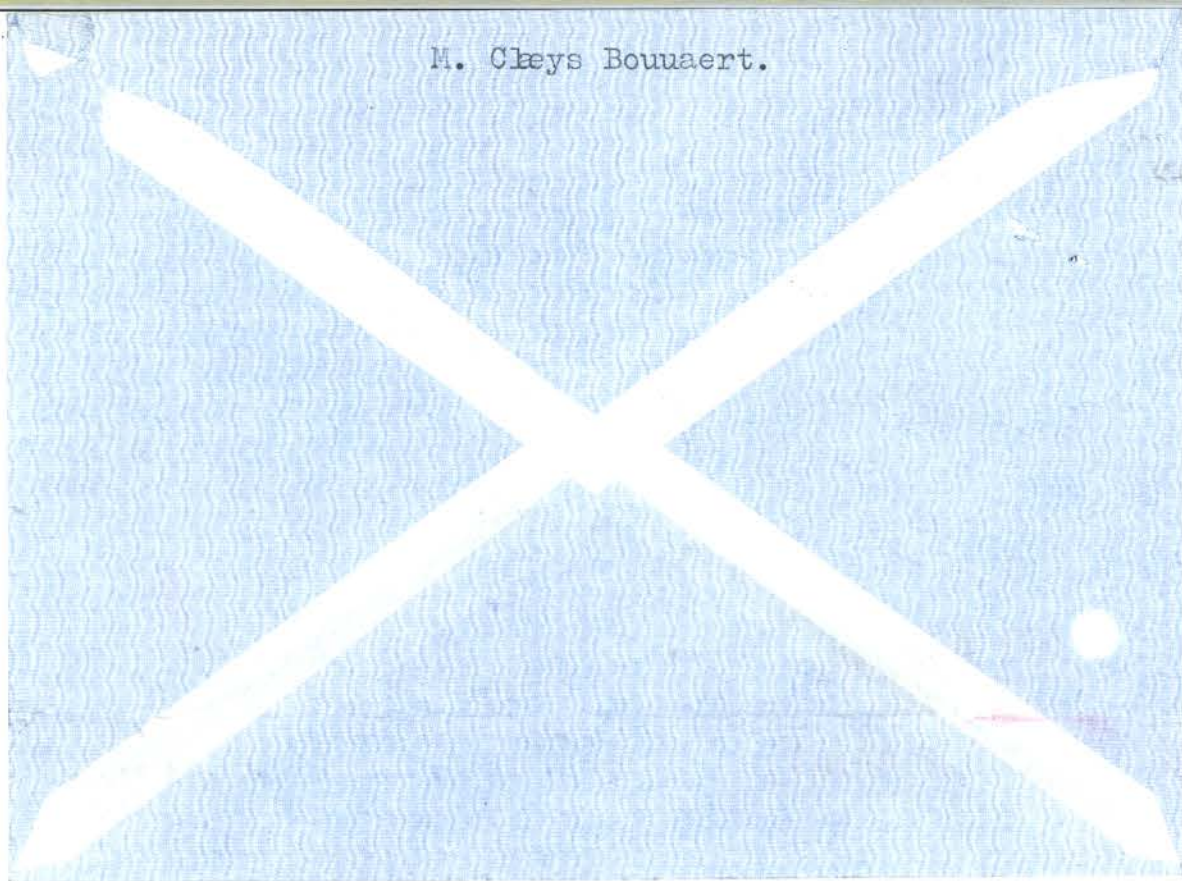
8, rue de la Loi, 8
Bruxelles

Monsieur H.A. WIESCHHOFF,
Directeur,
Division de la Tutelle,
Nations Unies,
NEW-YORK.

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VIA AIR MAIL

M. Cleys Bouuaert.



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8 JAN 1959

TR 140 Pacific (1959)

8 January 1959.

Sir,

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Mr. Alfred Claeys-Boddaert	Belgium
U Tin Maung	Burma
Mr. Sergio Kociancich	Italy

Secretariat

Mr. Frank Cottrell	Principal Secretary
Mr. James L. Lewis	Assistant Secretary
Mr. William T. Mashler	Assistant Secretary
Mr. Alfred Katz	Administrative Officer.

It is hereby requested that the necessary permits to enter the Trust Territories be issued in favour of the above-named members and Secretariat.

It is also requested that the Administration of the Trust Territories be good enough to make the necessary reservations and arrangements for the transportation and accommodation of their stay in the Territory.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

H.A. Wieschhoff,
Director,
Division of Trusteeship.

The Permanent Representative of the United States
of America to the United Nations,
2 Park Avenue,
New York 16, N.Y.

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H.A. Wieschhoff,
Director,
Division of Trusteeship.

The Permanent Representative of Australia
to the United Nations,
22nd Floor,
750 Third Avenue,
New York 17, N.Y.

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TR.140/Pacific 1959


14 octobre 1958

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre D. 401-W/404(3) du 27 septembre 1958 par laquelle vous m'avez informé que votre Gouvernement propose M. Alfred Claeys Bouuaert comme membre de la prochaine mission de visite dans les Territoires sous tutelle du Pacifique.

Cette nomination a été portée à la connaissance des membres du Conseil de tutelle dans le document T/1412.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.


D. Protitch
Sous-Secrétaire à la tutelle et aux
renseignements relatifs aux territoires
non autonomes

Son Excellence
Monsieur Joseph Nisot
Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plénipotentiaire
Représentant permanent de la Belgique auprès
des Nations Unies
Room 3001
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, N.Y.

TR.140/Pacific 1959

14 octobre 1958

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre du 9 octobre 1958 par laquelle vous m'avez informé que votre Gouvernement propose M. Sergio Kociancich comme membre de la prochaine mission de visite dans les Territoires sous tutelle du Pacifique.

Cette nomination a été portée à la connaissance des membres du Conseil de tutelle dans le document T/1412.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



D. Protitch
Sous-Secrétaire à la tutelle et aux
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Son Excellence
Monsieur Leonardo Vitetti
Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plénipotentiaire
Représentant permanent de l'Italie auprès
des Nations Unies
527 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

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10 OCT 1958

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14 October 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter 58-1026 of 6 October 1958,,by which you informed me that Mr. Chiping H.C. Kiang, Minister Plenipotentiary, representative of China on the Trusteeship Council, has been nominated as a member of the forthcoming Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific. This nomination has been brought to the attention of the Members of the Trusteeship Council in document T/1412.

Accept Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.



D. Protitch

Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

His Excellency
Dr. Tingfu F. Tsiang
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of China to the
United Nations
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

JR/flr

TR.140/Pacific 1959

14 October 1958

16 OCT 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter 922/80-05UN/58 of 17 September 1958, by which you informed me that U Tin Maung has been nominated as a member of the forthcoming Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific. This nomination has been brought to the attention of the Members of the Trusteeship Council in document T/1412.

Accept Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.



D. Protitch
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

His Excellency
U Thant
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
888 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N.Y.

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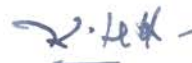
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New York, le 9 Octobre 1958

Monsieur le Sous-Secrétaire,

me référant à votre lettre datée du 30 Juillet 1958 concernant la Mission de Visite des Nations Unies dans les Territoires sous tutelle de Nauru, de la Nouvelle Guinée et des Iles du Pacifique (1959), j'ai l'honneur de vous informer que l'Italie sera représentée dans ladite Mission de Visite par Mr. Sergio KOCIANCICH de la Mission Permanente de l'Italie auprès des Nations Unies.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Sous-Secrétaire, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



(Leonardo Vitetti)

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Monsieur Dragoslav PROTITCH
Sous-Secrétaire à la Tutelle et aux Renseignements
relatifs aux Territoires non autonomes
Nations Unies
New York, N.Y.

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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Ref. No. 58-1026

6 October 1958

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Sir:

With reference to the letter of the Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of China and dated July 30, 1958, I have the honour, upon instructions of my Government, to inform you that the Chinese Government nominates Mr. Chiping H. C. Kiang, Minister Plenipotentiary, representative of China on the Trusteeship Council, as a member of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands under United States administration and New Guinea and Nauru under Australian administration in 1959.

It is requested that this information be communicated to the Trusteeship Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Tingfu F. Tsiang
Tingfu F. Tsiang

Permanent Representative of China
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York 17, N. Y.

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ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE
DÉLÉGATION AUX NATIONS UNIES
630 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 20, N.Y.
COLUMBUS 5-2377

New York, le 27 septembre 1958

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Monsieur le Sous-Secrétaire,

Comme suite à votre lettre TR.140/Pacific ⁵⁹
du 30 juillet 1958, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir ⁹
que le Gouvernement belge a désigné M. Alfred CLAEYS BOUUAERT
en qualité de représentant à la Mission de visite qui se
rendra, en 1959, dans les Territoires sous tutelle de Nauru,
de la Nouvelle-Guinée et des Iles du Pacifique.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Sous-Secrétaire
l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Joseph Nisot.

Joseph Nisot,
Représentant permanent de la
Belgique aux Nations Unies.

MP
Monsieur D. Protitch,
Sous-Secrétaire à la tutelle
et aux renseignements relatifs
aux territoires non autonomes,
Nations Unies,
NEW YORK.



PERMANENT MISSION OF BURMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

888 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

No. 922/80-05UN/58

17 September 1958.

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Sir,

Further to my letter No.628/80UN/58 dated 7 August 1958
I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the
Union of Burma have nominated U Tin Maung, the newly appointed
Deputy Permanent Representative, on the United Nations Visiting
Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru, New Guinea and the
Pacific Islands, 1959.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest
consideration.

(U Thant)

Permanent Representative.

Dr. D. Protitch
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories
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PERMANENT MISSION OF BURMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
888 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

No. **628**/80UN/58
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7 August, 1958.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter No. TR.140/Pacific dated 30 July, 1958, regarding the composition of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, 1959.

I have apprised my Government of the contents of your letter and you may rest assured that as soon as the name and other relevant particulars of the representative nominated by them to serve on the Visiting Mission are received, the same will be communicated to the Secretary-General immediately.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(U Thant)

Permanent Representative

Dr. D. Protitch,
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information
from Non-Self-Governing Territories,
United Nations,
New York, N.Y.

New York

UNITED STATES
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30 July 1958.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that at its 933rd meeting, on 29 July 1958, the Trusteeship Council decided that the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, 1959, should be composed of four members to be nominated by the Governments of Belgium, Burma, China and Italy respectively.

In this connexion, may I request you to inform the Secretary-General of the name of the representative which your Government intends to nominate to serve on the Visiting Mission.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



D. Protitch
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The Permanent Representative of
Burma to the United Nations,
686 Madison Avenue,
New York 21, N.Y.

Identical letter to
Representative of China.

TR.140/Pacific

1959

Le 30 juillet 1958.

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31 JUL 1958

Monsieur le Représentant,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer qu'à sa 933ème séance, le 29 juillet 1958, le Conseil de tutelle a décidé que la Mission de visite des Nations Unies dans les Territoires sous tutelle de Nauru, de la Nouvelle-Guinée et des Iles du Pacifique (1959) serait composée de quatre membres nommés par les Gouvernements de la Belgique, de la Birmanie, de la Chine et de l'Italie, respectivement.

Je vous serais reconnaissant, à cet égard, de bien vouloir communiquer au Secrétaire général le nom du représentant que votre Gouvernement a l'intention de désigner comme membre de cette Mission de visite.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Représentant, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



D. Protitch
Sous-Secrétaire à la tutelle et aux
renseignements relatifs aux territoires
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Monsieur le Représentant permanent de
l'Italie auprès des Nations Unies,
11th Floor,
527 Madison Avenue,
New York 22, N.Y.

Lettre identique au rep.
de la Belgique

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TR 140 PAC '56

19 September 1956

Dear Sir,

With reference to the interview granted on 7 May 1956 to the Reviewing Committee of the Samoan Medical Practitioner's Association by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific 1956, and the memoranda submitted by the Association, I wish to inform you that the Visiting Mission included its observations and recommendations on this matter in paragraphs 67 to 78 of its report (document T/1261).

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A copy of this report is attached for your information.

You may also be interested to know that at its eighteenth session during its annual examination of conditions in Western Samoa, the Trusteeship Council adopted on 9 August 1956 the following conclusions and recommendations:

"The Council, while it endorses the Administering Authority's opinion that, in the interest of the Samoan people, the medical profession in Western Samoa should be so regulated as to allow no lowering of standards, sympathizes with the desire of the Samoan Medical Practitioners to better their working conditions and to improve their professional competence and status. It hopes that all possible steps will be taken to assist all of them who wish to do so, to obtain complete professional qualifications at University Medical Schools.

Reviewing Committee of the Samoan Medical
Practitioner's Association
c/o Mr. Ieremia S.I., S.M.P.
Government Hospital
Moto'otua
Western Samoa

"The Council notes with regret that as a result of deaths, resignations and other causes the number of doctors in the Territory was at one stage reduced to two and welcomes the information that further qualified medical officers, adequate in numbers to replace those lost, will be recruited as soon as possible.

"While noting that so far no Samoan has graduated as a fully qualified doctor, the Council records its satisfaction that there are now five Samoan or part-Samoan students, including one who qualified and practised first as a Samoan Medical Practitioner, pursuing their medical studies in New Zealand. It expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will continue to provide scholarships and take all other necessary measures to encourage and enable Samoans to acquire full medical qualifications.

"The Council notes with satisfaction the achievements of the Yaws campaign which was conducted with the guidance and assistance of the World Health Organization."

Very truly yours,

J. Rapoport
Trusteeship Division

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17 JUL 1956

17 July 1956

Dear Mr. Sheekey,

I have been so busy with the Visiting Mission and the Trusteeship Council that I forgot to thank you for your letter of 23 May, in reply to my cable of 21 May.


We got the transcripts of the interviews in Port Moresby. But we never got any of the other papers mentioned in my second cable of 24 May, which remained without reply: the statement Mr. Elliot Smith had promised on the Sepik River area; information on the Bainyik extension station, the Malaguna Technical School, the Pelegir Cacao Fermentery, the Vudal Land Schemes, the Dregerhafen Education Center, the Bubia Agriculture Station and the Lae Technical School. The Mission would have liked to include more information in its report on these various matters.

Hoffman, our Administrative Officer, informs me that he is still awaiting a receipt for an amount of A£100 sent to the Administrator on 23 April, for Gibbs Sepik Airlines; he has cabled you again on this subject on 3 July.

I am keeping very fond memories of our most interesting tour of New Guinea, and of our short but pleasant stay in Port Moresby.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours


J. Rapoport
Trusteeship Division

Mr. K. Sheekey
Department of the Administrator
Port Moresby
Papua-New Guinea

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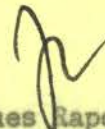
Dear Mr. Lambert,

We have been so busy with the Visiting Mission and the Trusteeship Council that I forgot to thank you for your letter of 15 May 1956 and the enclosed statements. The original of this letter sent to Nadi, as well as the copy sent to New York reached me in New York after I had cabled you on May 21st.

Some of the information expected from Port Moresby never reached us.

The Mission is now a thing of the past, but I shall always remember with great pleasure the fascinating visit to New Guinea and the very cordial manner in which we were received in Canberra.

Sincerely yours



Jacques Rapoport
Trusteeship Division

Mr. C. R. Lambert
Secretary
Department of Territories
Canberra

TR 140

Pac '56

6 JUL 1956
5 July 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 3 July 1956 transmitting the observations of the Administering Authority on the Report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific, 1956, on Nauru.

These observations will be circulated to the members of the Trusteeship Council by document T/1265.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

B. Cohen
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing
Territories

The Permanent Representative of Australia
to the United Nations
Room 4510
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

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THE UNITED NATIONS
4510 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

6 JUL 1956

3rd July, 1956.

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ackn. 5 July

Sir,

.....
I have the honour to attach hereto the formal observations of the Administering Authority submitted in connexion with the Report of the United Nations Visiting Missions to the Trust Territories in the Pacific, on the Trust Territory of Nauru.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the circulation of these observations to members of the Trusteeship Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. Ronald Walker".

E. Ronald Walker
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Australia

Mr. Benjamin A. Cohen,
Under-Secretary,
Department of Trusteeship and
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Territories,
United Nations Building,
NEW YORK.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
PORT MORESBY

In Reply Please Quote No.

23rd May, 1956.

Dear Mr Rapoport,

Your telegrams of inquiry, both to the Department of Territories, in Canberra, and to ourselves for some material relating to your visit, came as a surprise.

However, my guesses are -

- (a) that the transcript notes on the interviews in Port Moresby concerning Health, Education and Agriculture have gone astray, and
- (b) inquiries were made of other people in other centres for statements and background material, of which we have no details at the moment, but seemingly the statements etc. have not been forthcoming.

I am despatching immediately our last copy of the Notes on Education etc and making a radiogram inquiring from you to ascertain your other requirements. As soon as we hear, we can, no doubt, unravel a temporary problem.

The notes on the Education interview contain some marginal notations - they were made in the course of a review. As no time is available for a retype they have been left in, but possibly they will be helpful.

Trust you had a good trip after leaving here, but no doubt you are glad to be back.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. Sweeney

Mr. J. G. Rapoport,
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AIR MAIL

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Yours faithfully,

C.R. Lambert
(C.R. Lambert)
Secretary.

Mr. Jacques G. Rapoport,
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Sir,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations, to refer to your letter (TRI 140 Pacific 1956) of 31 January 1956 in which you enquired whether the documents enclosed with Mr Perry's letter of 25 January should be circulated to members of the Trusteeship Council.

It would be appreciated if you would, at your convenience, undertake the distribution of copies of these documents for the information of members of the Council.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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1 March 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 21 February 1956.

This letter has been communicated to Sir John Macpherson, Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Pacific.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

B. Cohen
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

Mr. A. R. Perry
Counsellor
New Zealand Mission
to the United Nations
630 Fifth Avenue, Suite 530
New York 20, N. Y.

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Sir,

I have the honour to send you for transmission to the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Pacific, Sir John Macpherson, the following message from the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honourable S.G. Holland:

"On behalf of my Government, I wish to tell you and your colleagues of the Visiting Mission how pleased we are that the Mission will be able to visit New Zealand in the course of its Pacific tour. I take this opportunity to assure you of the fullest cooperation in your study of conditions in the Trust Territory of Western Samoa.

Arrangements are being made for discussions to take place in Wellington on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 May, between the Mission and the Honourable Mr T.L. Macdonald, the Minister of External Affairs and of Island Territories, and his departmental officers.

As you will then have three days in which to return to Auckland, I should like to suggest that Mr Massonet, Mr Rolz Bennett, Mr Chacko and yourself, together with Mr Rapoport, your Principal Secretary, should take the opportunity of seeing some of the scenic attractions of the North Island. I have pleasure in proposing that for the duration of this journey to Auckland you should consider yourselves the guests of the Government.

Should your programme permit you to accept this invitation, I shall be glad on receipt of your reply to have a suitable itinerary arranged."

I shall be glad to transmit the Chairman's reply to Wellington should Sir John not reply directly to the Prime Minister.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Counsellor.

Mr B. Cohen,
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
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3 February 1955.

Dear Mr. Fox,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 1 February.

As we are leaving tomorrow, I have had no opportunity to discuss matters with the members of the Mission, but I will talk to them on our way to San Francisco. I do not doubt that the members of the Mission will be very much interested in meeting the Micronesians now studying in Hawaii, but on a purely informal basis.

I think that they may also be pleased to have an opportunity of talking informally to some of their supervisors, but they might be reluctant to get involved in any formal "meetings". As you know the Mission is only passing through Hawaii and will not really start its official business until it reaches Guam.

Concerning the American Association for the United Nations and the Social Welfare Association, I am afraid that I can make no promises. The Mission will be making a call on the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and there may be arrangements made for us of which I have no knowledge at this time.

On the other hand, the members of the Mission have expressed the wish to do some preparatory work and reading in Hawaii and I also suspect that they want a little free time to get acquainted with each other as some of them have just arrived in New York.

As for the members of the Secretariat, our availability will to a large extent depend on the activities and wishes of the members of the Mission; therefore I am afraid that there may be some reluctance on the part of the Mission and members of the Secretariat to accept to make speeches or attend social functions during their stay in Hawaii.

Mr. Morris G. Fox, Deputy Director,
Department of Public Welfare,
c/o International Cooperation Centre,
P.O. Box 2036,
Honolulu 5, Hawaii.

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In the circumstances, I suggest that no plans be made at this stage other than meeting the Micronesians studying in Hawaii. I shall get in touch with you Thursday morning and will then be in a better position to advise you. We arrive Wednesday 8 February, at night, and will stay at the Moana Hotel. We are leaving on 11 February, at 7.30 a.m.

I am looking forward to seeing you,

Sincerely yours,

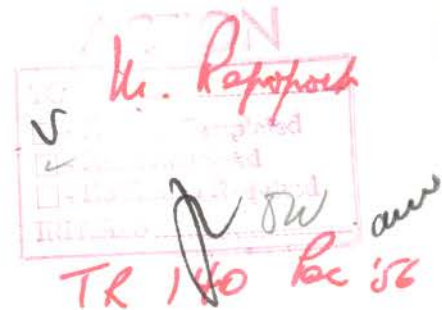
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February 1, 1956

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Mr. Jacques Rapoport
Division of Trusteeship
United Nations Secretariat
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rapoport:

I remember very well meeting you at the United Nations in October of 1954 and inquired about you when I visited Miss Dorit Kamil in September of 1955. I was very happy to hear from you and look forward to your visit here in the islands next week.

Tentative arrangements have been made for the members of the Mission to meet with four Micronesians who are presently studying in Hawaii under the UN Fellowships. So far as I can determine, the fifth man, Mr. Remengesau, will probably not arrive in Hawaii in time to meet with the group.

We thought the members of the Mission would also be interested in meeting with the persons who are supervising the training of the four Micronesians plus the woman in charge of the over-all programming, Dr. Marion Saunders. Dr. Saunders is an employee of the Trust Territories, responsible for assisting Micronesians who are studying in Hawaii.

Dr. Saunders and I have discussed your letter and suggest that we plan one meeting with the Micronesians and another meeting with the Technical Supervisors. We would like to know whether you are planning in terms of including the staff members of the Secretariat in these meetings.

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Mr. Jacques Rapoport

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February 1, 1956

We have a rather active and interested Chapter of the American Association for the United Nations. The chairman, a friend of mine, has expressed interest in arranging an informal gathering where members of the Chapter and their friends might have an opportunity to visit with the Visiting Mission and the staff of the Secretariat. This could be planned for late afternoon on either February 9th or 10th. I told Mr. Kenneth Lau that I would mention this to you in my letter.

There is a small organization known as the Social Welfare Association of Hawaii, of which I am president, that meets periodically to hear from persons who have had varied backgrounds in the field of social welfare generally. If you feel that you could spare the time and ^{are} so inclined, I should like to have you meet with us at lunch on February 10 so that we can have an opportunity to hear something of your work, both in your present assignment and in the administration of the fellowship program while you were in Technical Assistance Administration. This is a group that we can get together, I am sure, on short notice and I know that they would appreciate an opportunity of meeting with you and hearing from you.

Please feel free to mention ~~any~~ other things you feel could be done to make your visit more profitable. I should like to know your time of arrival, departure, and where all of you will be staying while you are in Hawaii. I am sorry that I have not been able to get this letter off earlier. It will be very nice to see you again.

Sincerely yours,


Morris G. Fox

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31 January 1956.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 25 January 1956 and its enclosures. Copies of these documents have been distributed to the members of the Visiting Mission.

Is it the wish of the New Zealand Government that these documents be also distributed to the members of the Trusteeship Council at this stage ?

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Cohen
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
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The Permanent Representative of
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25 January 1956

Sir,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Permanent Representative of New Zealand, to enclose for your information ten copies of the texts of a letter of 26 December 1955 from the Minister of External Affairs in New Zealand to the High Commissioner of Western Samoa and of an accompanying memorandum on Samoan constitutional development.

The content of this correspondence was made public on 19 January 1956. I should be most grateful if copies of the documents could be provided to members of the Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission to the Pacific who will travel to New Zealand and to Samoa in April/May 1956.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Counsellor.

Mr B. Cohen,
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Office of the Minister of
Island Territories,
WELLINGTON.

26 December 1955

PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

My dear High Commissioner,

My letter of 15th June 1955 addressed to the Acting High Commissioner explained broadly the policy of the New Zealand Government on the constitutional development of Western Samoa, and commented in particular on the recommendations made by the Constitutional Convention held in December 1954.

2. The proposals outlined in this statement were later studied by a Joint Session of the Legislative Assembly and the Fono of Faipule and in July during my visit to the Trust Territory I took the opportunity of discussing the subject further with the Joint Session.

3. Since that time further examination has been made of the recommendations of the Constitutional Convention in the light of the proceedings of the Joint Session. As a result, the Government is now in a position to set out its policy more precisely and in greater detail.

4. The memorandum attached to this letter elaborates the views of the New Zealand Government on the constitutional changes which it considers could be introduced in Western Samoa over the next few years. It deals with such important questions as the Head of State and Executive Government, as well as the composition and powers of the proposed new legislature, Samoan and European suffrage, constituencies and control of the Public Service.

5. It would be useful if I were to summarize in this letter the proposals relating to Executive Government, which is one of the basic questions under discussion. The aim of the New Zealand Government is that eventually there should be a Premier and Cabinet of Ministers, all of whom will be members of the legislature. For the reasons stated in my earlier letter to the Acting High Commissioner, the Government considers, however, that the formation of the new legislature in 1957 should precede the establishment of a system of full Cabinet Government. In the opinion of the New Zealand Government, a Cabinet System could best be reached in three steps.

6. As a first step the present "Associate Member" system could in 1956 be changed into a full "Member" System, in which

the High Commissioner, in his discretion, would charge elected, as well as any official members, with the responsibility for Departments or subjects. The next step would be the transformation of this Member System into a Ministerial System. This could take place after the establishment of the new legislature in 1957. At this point, the High Commissioner and the Fautua would cease to be members of the legislature, but they would continue to be members of the Executive Council, which would then function as a Council of Ministers presided over by the High Commissioner. When sufficient progress has been achieved under the second step, it would then be possible to establish full Cabinet Government, with a Premier leading the business of the legislature and presiding over a Cabinet of Ministers. It is hoped that the new Government proposed under the first and second steps would measure up to its responsibilities sufficiently to enable this third step to be taken in 1960.

7. Cabinet Government having been successfully established, only one more significant step would be necessary before it could be said that self-government had been achieved, namely, a change in the status of the New Zealand representative and the assumption by the Head of State of the proper powers and functions of that office. When this should be done would be the subject of discussions between the new Government of Western Samoa and the Government of New Zealand.

8. In looking ahead to the eventual achievement of self-government, there are two other matters of the greatest importance to Samoa which must be considered. The first point concerns economic development. The future welfare of the Samoan people depends not only upon orderly and progressive political development, but also upon the active use and development of the resources of the country to increase and improve production. Especially taking into account the rapid growth of the population of the territory, the leaders of Samoa are in duty bound to develop their country wisely and energetically for the benefit of future generations. The extent to which this duty is discharged must have a considerable effect on the progress of Samoa towards the final stage of self-government. The second point concerns public administration. When the views of the New Zealand Government have been carefully studied and considered in Samoa, and the whole situation reviewed, I think it will be realized that self-government is no longer a political issue, but an administrative problem of great magnitude, and that the key to this problem lies in the maintenance of the standard of the Public Service, largely through the retention and engagement of suitably qualified and experienced officers.

9. I should be grateful if you would make appropriate arrangements for the communication of the views of the New Zealand Government to the Samoan people. These views are all, of course, open to full discussion and comment in Samoa, but I particularly desire the proposals relating to the development of Executive Government, in paragraphs 15 to 21, to be debated and reported upon at an early date in the Legislative Assembly. Finally, I should like to take this opportunity of reaffirming the continuing interest, sympathy and friendship with which the New Zealand Government and people regard the political, economic and social development of Western Samoa and the well-being of its inhabitants.

Yours sincerely,

MEMORANDUM ON
PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
IN WESTERN SAMOA

Wellington.

26th December 1955

LEGISLATURE

1. The proposal of the New Zealand Government that the new single legislature should be convened in 1957 seemed completely acceptable to the Joint Session of the Legislative Assembly and Fono of Faipule in June. Its first session could take place after the expiry of the term of the present Fono of Faipule.

2. The New Zealand Government agrees with the recommendation of the Constitutional Convention, which was reaffirmed by the Joint Session, that the legislature should be presided over by a Speaker elected by the House and that at first the elected membership of the House should consist of 41 Samoan and 5 European members. When the Samoan constituencies have been adjusted, however, the permanent non-official membership of the legislature will comprise 45 Samoan and 5 European members. There would also be two official members - the Attorney-General and the Minister of Finance - until such time as their portfolios are taken over by elected members. It may be necessary for a short time after the establishment of the new legislature to retain a third official member as Leader of Government Business, but this will depend upon the general progress that has been made by the end of 1957. It is recognized that it is highly desirable that an elected member should become Leader of Government Business as soon as possible.

3. The New Zealand Government agrees that elections for the legislature should be held every three years. The recommendation of the Constitutional Convention that the legislature should not be dissolved except for these three-yearly elections would, however, make the constitution unnecessarily rigid and tend to make the legislature less alive to the opinions and wishes of the people. For these reasons, the New Zealand Government finds itself unable to accept this part of the recommendation of the Constitutional Convention and considers that power to dissolve the legislature in appropriate circumstances should be vested in the Head of State or, until this Head is established, in the High Commissioner.

4. The New Zealand Government agrees that the legislature should have full power to make all laws necessary for the peace,

order and good government of Western Samoa. This power should be subject only to whatever restrictions may result from the powers granted the Head of State and from the relationship with New Zealand. The New Zealand Government further agrees that the reserved subjects and enactments should for the time being remain as they are at present, but should be reviewed as constitutional changes take place.

5. While noting sympathetically the wishes of the Constitutional Convention that the new legislature "should eventually have full powers to amend the constitution, subject to some delaying or restrictive procedure which must be worked out", the New Zealand Government considers that it cannot commit itself to the full acceptance of this proposal until the nature of this delaying or restrictive procedure is made clearer. This matter is not of immediate importance, and must be considered in relation to New Zealand's obligations to the United Nations under the Trusteeship Agreement. In the meantime the New Zealand Government will retain the power of amending the constitution.

6. Experience in other countries has shown that it is wise to provide that the adverse vote of a simple majority of the members of the House on any matter of confidence should be enough to remove the Premier. A provision that the Premier could be removed only on a vote of no-confidence passed by two-thirds of the Members of the House, as recommended by the Convention, could easily lead to undesirable political manoeuvring, stalemate, and even the breakdown of government. It is considered, therefore, that this part of the Convention's recommendation should not be embodied in the future constitution.

7. The recommendation that Parliament should not be dissolved just because the Premier has resigned or been dismissed, but that a new Premier should be appointed, is one that would, if written into the law, unduly restrict proper political activity. The New Zealand Government considers that in matters of this nature the course taken in any particular circumstances must not be restricted too narrowly.

SUFFRAGE

8. It seems clear that at present the Samoan people are firmly convinced that matai suffrage is desirable. The New Zealand Government has nothing to add to what was stated by the Minister of Island Territories in his letter of 15th June 1955. The Trusteeship Council at its sixteenth session endorsed the view of the Administering Authority that due attention should be paid to the wishes of the population and that no undue pressure

should be used to impose a change; it expressed the hope, which is shared by the New Zealand Government, that the Samoan leaders would recognize the desirability of adjusting progressively their traditional system to more modern democratic methods and eventually of adopting a system of universal suffrage. The New Zealand Government considers that this adjustment would be facilitated by legal provisions permitting the extension of the franchise as and when this became acceptable to the people.

9. It is understood that a register of matai is at present being completed. With regard to the method of election in Samoan constituencies, the New Zealand Government is willing to accept the recommendation of the Constitutional Convention, which is understood to mean that if any candidate is nominated by an absolute majority (that is, over 50%) of the matai in any constituency, he should be declared elected. If, however, no candidate is nominated by an absolute majority, a secret ballot should be held to decide the election. The New Zealand Government considers, however, that the Samoan people should not overlook the very real advantages which would be gained by making election by secret ballot compulsory in all cases and hopes that a development of this nature will not be long delayed.

10. The New Zealand Government also agrees with the recommendation that in the election of European candidates the suffrage, method of election and qualifications for candidates should remain as at present. It is, however, always willing to consider sympathetically any suggestions that may be made for the improvement of the present electoral arrangements.

CONSTITUENCIES

11. The New Zealand Government has agreed with the recommendation that the 41 Samoan constituencies should later be increased to permit the permanent membership of 45 Samoans. It feels that an investigation should be carried out to determine the best and most equitable method of making the necessary changes in the constituencies. The adjustment should be made during the first session, so that a full house of 45 Samoan members may be elected in 1960.

HEAD OF STATE

12. The first part of the recommendation of the Constitutional Convention was as follows:- "The present Hon. Fautua should together be the first Head of State. They should act together and with equal power. Their term should be for life, but legal provision should be made to permit them to resign at any time." As to the general principle involved, the New Zealand Government doubts the wisdom of having more than one person

holding together the office of Head of State. Because, however, of its appreciation of the special conditions in Western Samoa, it is prepared to accept this part of the recommendation, which it understands to mean that the present Fautua should at the appropriate time together become the Head of State and hold office as such as long as they both shall live, with provision made to permit the resignation at any time of either or both of them.

13. The second part of the recommendation was that "Future vacancies in the position of Head of State should be filled in a way to be decided by the Parliament of Western Samoa when the time comes." It is not clear to the New Zealand Government from this recommendation whether the Constitutional Convention wished to commit itself to the general principle that there should always be in Samoa two persons holding together the office of Head of State, or whether on the death or resignation of either of the joint holders the other should continue in office alone, or whether the so-called "vacancies" could arise in some other way. It is apparent that the Constitutional Convention considered that the question of how future vacancies should be filled was a delicate one. But the Convention also showed that it realized the importance of overcoming the difficulties connected with the position of Head of State. Mindful of its obligation to assist and advise the people of Samoa, the New Zealand Government suggests that the selection of future Heads of State should not be left to the new Parliament alone but that some special method of nomination, and one more removed from everyday politics, should be chosen. It also suggests that if future Heads of State were appointed not for life, but for fixed terms, some of the difficulties which it is at present feared may arise in connection with the filling of the position might be avoided.

14. The question of powers and functions of the Head of State is closely associated with that of Executive Government, which is discussed in the next paragraph. As will be seen, the New Zealand Government contemplates definite progression by steps towards Cabinet Government. During this progression the Fautua will become more closely associated with the High Commissioner in the exercise of the powers and responsibilities of Head of State and less closely associated with active politics particularly on the Legislative side.

EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT

15. The New Zealand Government believes that full Cabinet Government could best be reached through a series of steps --

- (1) First, A Member System of Government would be introduced with the elected Members of the Executive Council, as well as the official members, having full status as Members responsible for Departments which may be allotted to them. The High Commissioner and the Fautua would attend as they do now, and the High Commissioner would preside. The High Commissioner and the Fautua would continue to be members of the legislature and the Fautua of its Standing Committees. The questions of the possible enlargement of the Executive Council, and the powers and functions of the Members, are discussed in following paragraphs. This step could be taken in 1956.

- (2) Second, Ministerial Government would be established with the Executive Council functioning as a Council of Ministers. The High Commissioner and the Fautua would still be members of the Council and the High Commissioner would preside. The High Commissioner and the Fautua would, however, cease to be members of the Legislature, which would be presided over by a Speaker elected by the House, and be led by a Leader of Government Business. This is the step which could be taken at the same time as the new legislature is set up in 1957. When it is determined that an official Leader of Government Business is not required, the Leader of Government Business would be chosen by the legislature by a procedure it would settle for itself from amongst those persons nominated to be members of the Executive Council.
- (3) Third, Cabinet Government would be introduced with a Premier presiding over the Council of Ministers and leading the legislature. The High Commissioner and the Fautua would no longer attend meetings of the Council of Ministers, which thus would become a Cabinet. It is hoped that the new Government proposed under the first and second steps will measure up to its responsibilities sufficiently to enable the third step to be taken in 1960.

16. With full Cabinet Government thus established there would remain only one more step to be taken before it could be said that self-government had been finally achieved, namely the change in status of the representative of New Zealand and the assumption by the Head of State of the proper powers and functions of that office. When this should be done would be the subject of discussions between the new Government of Western Samoa and the Government of New Zealand.

17. Under the Member System which could be introduced in 1956, the High Commissioner in his discretion would charge any official member or any elected Member of the Executive Council with the responsibility for any Department or subject. The elected Members would be nominated by the Legislative Assembly, but the actual allotment of "portfolios", or responsibilities for Departments, would be made by the High Commissioner in his discretion. They would be responsible to the High Commissioner for the administration of those Departments placed under their charge and would exercise through their Departmental Heads general powers of direction and co-ordination. Heads of Departments would be responsible to their Member and, in any case of disagreement between the Member and a Departmental Head, the question raised would be referred to the High Commissioner for

a decision. Each Member and Departmental Head would have direct access to the High Commissioner, and the powers of elected Members would not differ in kind from those of official Members.

18. The inauguration of this Member system would be a decided step towards Cabinet Government, but, in order to obtain full advantage of it, the size of the Executive Council should be increased. This would enable more Members to have training and experience in the work of Executive Government, and would permit a more equitable distribution of work. It is, therefore, suggested that in 1956, the number of elected members of the Executive Council could be increased by two.

19. The New Zealand Government will consider whether, at the same time as this system begins, the law could be amended to provide that the powers of the High Commissioner under the Ordinances of Western Samoa should be exercised in accordance with the advice of the Executive Council. This would mean that legally, as well as in fact, the Executive Council rather than the High Commissioner alone would be responsible for the domestic executive decisions and actions of the Government.

20. After the new legislature is elected in 1957 the elected and official Members of the Executive Council would become Ministers and the Executive Council would thus become a Council of Ministers. The legislation establishing the new legislature would also contain provisions for the nomination, appointment and removal of Ministers similar to those which have been found appropriate in other developing territories. As Ministers the elected and official Members would exercise the generally understood powers and responsibilities of Ministers in a Cabinet system of Government, but they would continue to be responsible to the High Commissioner, who, together with the Fautua, would remain as members of the Executive Council, the High Commissioner presiding. This arrangement is considered an essential step in the progress towards Cabinet Government. Besides giving both Ministers and Members of the new legislature a period of valuable experience and assistance, this intermediate system will keep to a minimum any legal difficulties and any confusion in the minds of the people that may arise at a time when a new legislature with new institutions and new members is being established.

21. As to Cabinet Government itself, when that is eventually established, the New Zealand Government agrees that the legislature should choose a Premier from among its own members. It also agrees that the Premier should choose the members of his Cabinet from the members of the legislature. In

the absence of a party system it may prove desirable for the Premier to refer his Cabinet to the legislature for approval. This matter can be decided, however, in the light of future experience. The recommendation that the Attorney-General (Minister of Justice) and the Minister of Finance should be the two official members of the Cabinet is acceptable.

CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

22. In his letter of 15th June the Minister of Island Territories said that it might be useful to give the Government of Western Samoa a more direct voice in matters affecting Public Service policy, and mentioned that the possibility is being examined of amending the legislation to provide for this. The Joint Session reaffirmed the resolution of the Constitutional Convention and added that it felt that control should be handed over immediately. The Convention had recommended that the Government of Western Samoa should control its own Public Service and that this control should be exercised by a Public Service Commissioner appointed by the Government of Western Samoa. Several speakers at the Constitutional Convention emphasized the need to preserve the complete independence of the Public Service Commissioner in all those matters that properly fall within his province and stressed the evils that might otherwise result.

23. In order to define and guarantee that rightful independence, while at the same time giving, as desired, the Government of Western Samoa a more direct say in policy matters concerning the Service, the New Zealand Government proposes that amendments to the following effect should be made to the Samoa Amendment Act 1949:-

- (1) Section 3 (2) of the Act should be replaced by a section specifically defining the duties of the Public Service Commissioner as covering recruitment, appointment, dismissal, promotion, grading and salaries, discipline, leave conditions, working conditions, retirement, staff training, departmental organization and working methods etc., and conferring such other powers as are required to carry out the provisions of the Act;
- (2) Section 3 (3) of the Act should be deleted;
- (3) Section 13 (2) should be amended to provide that the Public Service Commissioner shall be satisfied that any appointment to the Service is necessary "to carry out the policy and objectives of the Government of Western Samoa and/or the Government of New Zealand";

- (4) Section 18 (1) should be amended to provide that the remuneration by way of salary and wages paid to any employee shall not exceed £1,450^{a year} without the prior approval of the High Commissioner;
- (5) Sections 10 and 33 should be amended to provide that the annual list of persons permanently employed in the Public Service and the regulations issued by the Public Service Commissioner should be laid before the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa. Section 33 should be amended to provide for the regulations to be approved by the High Commissioner instead of the Minister.

24. The New Zealand Government considers that the present method of appointment of the Public Service Commissioner is appropriate under existing circumstances, and should remain for the duration of at least the first and second steps proposed. After that, the Government of Western Samoa would in this respect be wise to continue to accept help from New Zealand. The position is one which calls for considerable specialized knowledge and for unquestioned capacity to withstand local sectional pressures. A country like Samoa with limited population will find such qualities more easily in someone nominated by the Government of New Zealand, although in time the actual appointment would be made by the Samoan Government. New Zealand would, of course, continue for as long as is necessary to make available suitable specialist officers for the Samoan Public Service, and the Public Service authorities in both New Zealand and Western Samoa will need to consider what steps may be necessary to safeguard the position of seconded officers as further constitutional development takes place.

JUDICIARY

25. While there has been much discussion about the necessity for the independence of the Public Service Commissioner, the necessity for the independence of the Judiciary has never been questioned - and rightly so. Indeed it is noticeable that the Constitutional Convention made no recommendation on the question of the Judiciary, which does not seem to be a live issue in the Samoan mind. This is undoubtedly a recognition of the necessity for the independence of the Judiciary, and an acknowledgment of the fact that, headed as it is by a New Zealand judicial officer of high standing, it does possess that quality today. The New Zealand Government believes that this is another important aspect in which the Samoan Government would be well advised to continue for an indefinite period to accept the services of a nominee from New Zealand. As in the case of

the Public Service Commissioner, the New Zealand Government believes that no change in the method of appointment of the Chief Judge should take place at least for the duration of the first and second steps.

RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW ZEALAND: NEW ZEALAND'S TRUSTEESHIP OBLIGATIONS

26. There seems general agreement that the form of the final relationship of Western Samoa to New Zealand can be determined only at a later stage when constitutional development is more advanced. The Minister dealt with this matter more fully in his letter of 15th June.

COMMON DOMESTIC STATUS

27. The results of the investigation undertaken by the Committee on Status are awaited with great interest. The resolution on this matter passed by the Trusteeship Council at its sixteenth session shows that the Council considers this to be an important matter, which needs careful consideration.

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20 January 1956.

Dear Mr. Fox,

When we met a year ago at the United Nations in New York I was still with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, in the Fellowships Placement office, and had no idea that I was ever going to pass through Hawaii. Early in 1955, I left the Technical Assistance Administration to return to the Trusteeship Department, in the United Nations Secretariat, to which I had belonged from 1946 to 1952, and this is why I am writing you.

As you know, the United Nations Trusteeship Council sends periodic visiting missions to the Trust Territories. This year (as in 1950 and in 1955) a mission will visit the Trust Territories in the Pacific (Pacific Islands under United States administration, New Guinea and Nauru under Australian administration and Western Samoa under New Zealand administration). The 1956 Mission is composed of four representatives (United Kingdom, Belgium, Guatemala and India) and the Chairman is Sir John MacPherson (United Kingdom), former Governor-General of the Federation of Nigeria; six staff members of the United Nations Secretariat, including myself are accompanying the Mission.

On its way to Guam, the Mission will probably spend two full days in Hawaii (9 and 10 February).

I thought -- although I shall not be able to check this with the members of the Mission before next week, as some of them are not in New York yet, -- that the Mission might be interested in taking this opportunity of meeting some of the Micronesians from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, presently studying in Hawaii. I am informed that four of them have recently arrived under United Nations Scholarships for a period of training under the supervision of the International Cooperation Centre (their supervisor is, I believe, Mrs. Saunders):

Mr. Francisco K. MOREI of Palau
Mr. Leonard P. Santos of Ponape
Mr. Mariano M. Sablan of Saipan
Mr. Tokeo Yano of Koror.

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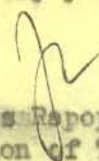
In addition, I understand that Mr. Thomas O. Remengesau of Koror who was awarded a Public Administration United Nations fellowship of four months in New Zealand and Western Samoa (October 1955 to January 1956), will be arriving in the first days of February in Hawaii in order to study public administration at the University of Hawaii, under a scholarship granted by the United States Government.

As these gentlemen all occupy official positions in the Administration of the Pacific Islands, and are getting their additional training at the request of the United States Government and under United Nations auspices, in line with the goals of the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory to train Micronesians to take over important government functions as soon as they are properly trained, I am sure that they will be as eager to meet the members of the Visiting Mission, as the Mission will be eager to see them.

This is, of course, a suggestion of a purely personal and unofficial nature. As soon as I have a chance of discussing this with the members of the Mission, prior to their departure from New York (scheduled for 4 February), I shall let you know what the score is; if time does not permit, I shall call you directly, upon arrival in Hawaii (we have reservations at the Moana Hotel).

I am looking forward to meeting you again,

Sincerely yours,



Jacques Rapoport,
Division of Trusteeship.

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9 January 1956

Dear Mr. Gerig,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 21 December 1955 and the enclosed copy of the Handbook on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which you sent on loan for the forthcoming Visiting Mission to the Pacific. As only one copy is available at Headquarters which can not be taken on the mission, your copy will be of great help and I shall return it immediately upon the Mission's return.

Wishing you a very happy New Year and hoping to see you upon my return, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

William Mashler

Mr. Benjamin O. Gerig
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The Representative of the United States
of America to the United Nations presents his
compliments to the Secretary-General of the
United Nations and has the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of note No. TRI 35/01 Pacific 56,
dated December 19, concerning arrangements for
the United Nations Visiting Mission to the
Trust Territories in the Pacific.

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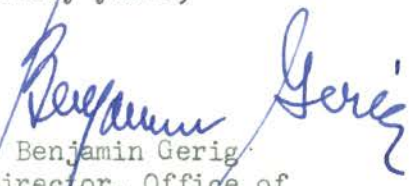
Mr. Curtis Strong has informed this Office of your request for material that might be useful in making preparations for the 1956 Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

I am enclosing a copy of the Handbook on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, published in 1948 by the Department of the Navy which is still the most comprehensive official publication dealing with the Territory. Unfortunately, we do not have an extra copy of this Handbook. Please return it, therefore, when you have finished with it.

Also enclosed are two maps of the South Pacific area.

Please feel free to call on us for further assistance at any time.

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin Gerig
Director, Office of
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Enclosures 3
As stated

Mr. William Mashler,
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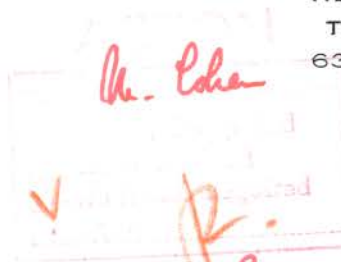


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Sir,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, TRI 35/01 Pacific 56, of 19 December, in which you advised the composition of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories in the Pacific.

The requests concerning permits to enter the Trust Territory and reservations and arrangements for the transportation and accommodation of members of the Mission and of the Secretariat during their stay there have been transmitted to the authorities in Wellington, and I shall notify you of their reply as soon as it is received.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Counsellor.

Mr B. Cohen,
Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and
Information from Non-Self-Governing
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Mr. W. Hoffman

A curriculum vitae of each of the four members of the Mission is attached for your information.

It is hereby requested that the necessary permits to enter the Trust Territory be issued in favour of the above named members and Secretariat.

It is also requested that the Administration of the Trust Territory be good enough to make the necessary reservations and arrangements for the transportation and accommodation of members of the Mission and of the Secretariat during their stay in the Territory.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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