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TO : John C. Bugher, M.D., Director

DATE: July 26, 1954

FROM : Gordon M. Dunning, Health Physicist

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. MIDKIFF, HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST  
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Generally, Mr. Midkiff seemed quite pleased with the future plans and offered the full cooperation of his office.

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