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Dear Francis:

Your letter of June 11 has been received, and I wish to thank you for sending me the information.

I would certainly see no objection to the United States filing a report under Article 73(e) relating to American Samoa, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

I most strenuously do object to this government having filed such reports for the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, both of which are destined to become States of the American Union. Both have adopted State Constitutions and are awaiting admission as the 49th and 50th States.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to Secretary Dulles.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

William F. Knowland

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Honorable Francis O. Wilcox
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