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The Honorable Patsy T. Mink
House of Representatives

Dear Mrs. Mink:

2, Lawrence, KS D.2125

Your July 25, 1973, letter requested us to obtain information on a contract between the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) and the University of Kansas for a study of the "Aspects of Rapid Acculturation in the Pacific." D.451

On June 11, 1968, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (OSR), the agent assigned by ARPA to award and monitor the contract, awarded contract F44620-68-C-0081 to the university. The contract was to study the effects of advanced technology and contacts with U.S. personnel on people with a predominantly preindustrial culture. The study was conducted in American Samoa, Yap, Palau, Saipan, Ponape, Truk, and Nome and Kotzebue, Alaska. ARPA totally funded the contract for \$600,000. P.2126

The contract resulted from a proposal received from the University of Kansas under the Department of Defense's (DOD's) discontinued THEMIS Program. The THEMIS Program's goal was to encourage the development of centers capable of performing research on topics of high relevance to DOD at universities which had previously received relatively little DOD research and development funds. When ARPA withdrew from the THEMIS Program in the spring of 1969, the Air Force's OSR assumed full responsibility for completing the study.

Field studies have been completed and a series of technical reports has been published on the subject of acculturation in the Pacific Islands and in comparable areas. The university has just submitted to OSR a final report on the contract. This report and 21 available

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technical reports on the project are enclosed for your information and use. We understand that no further work will be done under the contract and that it will be terminated shortly.

We regret the delay in complying with your request but OSR just recently approved the contractor's final report and made it available to us.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) J. F. Flynn

For the R. W. Gutmann
Director

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