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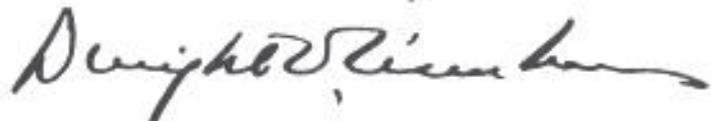
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Dear Mr. Stans:

In view of the imminent admission of the State of Alaska into the Union, it is essential that the Federal Government promptly make such adjustments in present Federal laws and programs as are necessary to facilitate an orderly transition from territorial status to statehood. This will require a careful study of the effects of statehood and the development of a systematic and coordinated program for effecting the transition.

I believe that the Bureau of the Budget should assume leadership for Executive Branch action in this area, beyond the regular responsibilities of the Department of the Interior. Therefore, I am asking you, with the cooperation of the interested departments and agencies, to undertake the task of reviewing the implications of Alaska statehood, developing a comprehensive plan for accomplishing the transition, and presenting to me recommendations for dealing with any matters requiring my attention.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Maurice H. Stans
Director
Bureau of the Budget