(a) Assistance with matters generally within responsibility of
governments; methods of assistance

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to extend to the
governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands,
the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
and their agencies and instrumentalities, with or without
reimbursement, technical assistance on subjects within the
responsibility of the respective territorial governments. Such
assistance may be provided by the Secretary of the Interior through
members of his staff, reimbursements to other departments or
agencies of the Federal Government under sections 1535 and 1536 of
title 31, grants to or cooperative agreements with such
governments, agreements with Federal agencies or agencies of State
or local governments, or the employment of private individuals,
partnerships, or corporations. Technical assistance may include
research, planning assistance, studies, and demonstration projects.

(b) Agricultural plantings and physical facilities, assistance for
peoples of Enewetak Atoll and Bikini Atoll

The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to provide
technical assistance to, and maintenance of agricultural plantings
and physical facilities for, the peoples from Enewetak Atoll and
Bikini Atoll, as well as for the purchase of food and equipment and
for the transportation of such food, equipment and persons as he
deems necessary and appropriate until such areas produce sufficient
food to fully sustain the residents after resettlement. This
provision shall not cease to be applicable either before or after
the termination of the trusteeship without the express approval of
the United States Congress.

(c) Extension of programs administered by Department of Agriculture
to Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, etc.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to extend, in his
discretion, programs administered by the Department of Agriculture
to Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa
(hereinafter called the territories). Notwithstanding any other
provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to
waive or modify any statutory requirements relating to the
provision of assistance under such programs when he deems it
necessary in order to adapt the programs to the needs of the
respective territory: Provided, That not less than sixty days prior
to extending any program pursuant to this section or waiving or
modifying any statutory requirement pursuant to this section, the
Secretary of Agriculture shall notify the Committee on Agriculture
and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of
Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the
Senate of his proposed action together with an explanation of why
his action is necessary and the anticipated benefits to each
territory affected. Such programs shall be carried out in
cooperation with the respective governments of the territories and shall be covered by a memorandum of understanding between the respective territorial government and the Department of Agriculture. Any sums appropriated pursuant to this paragraph shall be allocated to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture concerned with the administration of programs in the territories.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

Effective October 1, 1981, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

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(Public Law. 96-597, title VI, Sec. 601, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3479.)