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9       upon the request of the Secretary of the Interior, extend  
10      to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, with or without  
11      reimbursement, scientific, technical, and other assistance

1 under any program administered by such agency that will  
2 promote the welfare of the Trust Territory notwithstanding  
3 any provision of law under which the Trust Territory of  
4 the Pacific Islands may otherwise be excluded from such  
5 program: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall  
6 not request assistance pursuant to this subsection that in-  
7 volves, in the aggregate, an estimated nonreimbursable cost  
8 in any one fiscal year in excess of \$150,000. The provisions  
9 of this subsection shall not apply to financial assistance under  
10 a grant-in-aid program.”

11 SEC. 2. Effective January 1, 1963, the Act of June 30,  
12 1954 (68 Stat. 330), is further amended by adding at the  
13 end thereof the following new section 3:

14 “SEC. 3. (a) For the purposes of section 301 of the  
15 Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1301a), the  
16 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall be considered to  
17 be an ‘insular possession’ as that term is used therein, except  
18 that the section shall not apply to any fishery products proc-  
19 essed in the Trust Territory from fish or fish products  
20 landed in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under  
21 conditions which would preclude such landings in ports of  
22 the United States under section 4311 of the Revised Statutes,  
23 as amended (46 U.S.C. 251). The foregoing exception  
24 shall not apply to vessels sailing under the American flag

1 and to vessels sailing under a Trust Territory flag manned by  
2 crews, two-thirds of which are citizens of the United States  
3 or of the Trust Territory. The Secretary of the Treasury is  
4 authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be  
5 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

6 “(b) In the event that the President shall determine  
7 that the underlying economic factors affecting the production  
8 and trade of such Trust Territory has changed so that the  
9 duty-free entry of any article under this section results, or  
10 threatens to result, in substantial injury to the competitive  
11 trade of any contracting party to the General Agreement on  
12 Tariffs and Trade, the duty-free entry of such article under  
13 this section shall be suspended, in whole or in part, for such  
14 specified periods as he shall proclaim.”

15 SEC. 3. The Act of June 27, 1952 (66 Stat. 163), as  
16 amended, is further amended by adding at the end of title II  
17 thereof the following new section 292:

18 “SEC. 292. (a) Nothing contained in this title shall be  
19 construed so as to limit, restrict, deny, or affect the coming  
20 into or departure from the United States of a native of the  
21 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands who presents a valid  
22 identity certificate issued by the High Commissioner of such  
23 Territory: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section  
24 shall be construed to give or to confer upon any such native

1 any other privileges, rights, benefits, exemptions, or im-  
2 munities under this Act, which are not otherwise specifically  
3 granted by this Act.

4 “(b) The High Commissioner of the Trust Territory  
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7 1947, including a native temporarily absent from the islands  
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9 subsequently born there, if after that date or after his birth  
10 he continued to reside in the Trust Territory or in the United  
11 States, its territories or possessions, and if he is not a citizen  
12 or national of a foreign country and has taken no affirmative  
13 steps to acquire foreign nationality.

14 “(c) Any person who comes to the United States pur-  
15 suant to the provisions of this section shall, upon completion  
16 of the residence and physical presence requirements of sec-  
17 tion 316 (a) of this Act, be deemed to have been lawfully  
18 admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of  
19 the date of such coming, for the purpose of petitioning for  
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21 SEC. 4. Subsection 303 (1) of the Communications Act  
22 of 1934 (48 Stat. 1082), as amended (47 U.S.C. 303 (1)),  
23 is hereby amended by inserting the words: “, or natives of  
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