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Memorandum

To: Mr. Timothy J. Reardon, Jr., Special Assistant  
to the President

From: Assistant Secretary--Public Land Management

Subject: Candidates for position of Government Secretary,  
Guam

As I indicated I would, I have discussed with Governor Guerrero the matter of the appointment of a Government Secretary. It is the view of this Department (discussed with and approved by the Secretary) that Governor Guerrero and Guam deserve the strongest possible appointment to this important position. The Department is in the process of devising legislative proposals for the rehabilitation of this devastated island and this program, if approved by the Congress, will require the highest caliber of administrative and technical personnel at the top level. Governor Guerrero is a fine administrator but has no Washington experience. It is felt, therefore, that the Government Secretary should have broad governmental experience, good familiarity with the operations of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of the Budget, and have the confidence of the Committees, Congressmen and Senators who will be considering this program.

Two men are considered to be outstandingly qualified:

a. George R. Milner has served in the Office of Territories in the Department of the Interior for more than 12 years. He is presently in attendance as a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, on leave from his present position as Insular Affairs Specialist. We think Mr. Milner's record in the Department, amplified by participation in this Princeton program, makes him the number one candidate.

b. Also very highly qualified is Martin P. Mangan who is presently serving as an Assistant to Governor Rex Lee in American Samoa. Prior to that time he was Assistant Commissioner for Legislation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs which work involved the closest association with the Congress. His performance was outstanding.

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Two men can be recommended as qualified based upon somewhat limited observation and experience in working with them:

c. Jares H. Gamble, Staff Assistant to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Mr. Gamble's main area of activity for many years has been Indian affairs but more recently he has served as adviser to the Committee on territorial matters. I do not know whether he desires to be considered or whether the Chairman of the Committee would look with favor upon his departure; however, at various times in the past he has expressed an interest in an assignment in territorial administration with this Department and he is considered to be an able and qualified man who will work hard.

d. Harry W. Burnett has for several years been Attorney General for Guam. Governor Guerrero has included him in a list of those men who he thinks qualified but his promotion to the position of Government Secretary would not give the background of Washington experience which is considered to be requisite.

The man you mentioned, Gordon Homme, is acceptable to the Governor. It should be pointed out, however, that his service as U. S. Attorney for Guam was not particularly demanding, and the U. S. District Judge in Guam (Hon. Paul Shriver) and others have expressed some concern as to whether he would bring the necessary diligence to his tasks. Since returning to the United States he has been employed by the Legislature of Guam as their Washington representative. He has not consulted with this Department in this assignment and it is not felt that his acquaintanceship either in the Executive Branch or the Legislative Branch is nearly as broad as that represented by Mr. Milner and Mr. Mangan.

I hope you will find the opportunity to discuss the requirements of the job with Mr. Charles Johnson of the White House staff who accompanied me on my recent visit to the island.

  
John A. Carver, Sr.