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TO : The Secretary
THROUGH: S/S *WBS*
FROM : IO - Harlan Cleveland
SUBJECT: Courtesy Call by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Friday, January 31, 4:15 P.M.
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

January 30, 1964

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You have agreed to a courtesy call by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the U. S. administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Tab A). Ambassador Yates and I will accompany the members of the Mission:

1. Mr. F. H. Corner (New Zealand), Chairman
2. Mr. Chiping H. C. Kiang (China)
3. Mr. C. E. King, C. M. G. (United Kingdom)
4. Miss Angie Brooks (Liberia)

The Mission's call upon you will conclude two days of conferences with U. S. officials in Washington pursuant to the attached schedule (Tab B). On February 4, the Mission departs for a five week visit to the Trust Territory.

Suggested Remarks

1. Express hope all arrangements are satisfactory and wish the Mission a good trip.
2. Without being precise, assure the Visiting Mission that the United States is greatly accelerating its programs in the Trust Territory.
3. Express interest in Visiting Mission's findings on return.

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Contingency Remarks

1. Because of your recent trip to Japan, it is possible the Visiting Mission may inquire about the status of war damages claimed from Japan by inhabitants of the Territory. It is recommended that you assure the Visiting Mission that we shall continue urgently to pursue these claims and shall report our progress to the Trusteeship Council.

2. Should the Visiting Mission ask about the report of the Presidential Survey Mission last year to the Trust Territory, we recommend that you say the Survey Mission was only one of a continuing series of U. S. Government Missions which have visited the Trust Territory in the past six months in the context of our expanded program to accelerate the development of the Territory. You might point out that the recommendations of any particular mission are not in themselves decisive. Although the individual reports of the missions are internal working documents for use only within the U. S. Government, we plan to report on the over-all results of the missions, including the Solomon Mission, at the next Trusteeship Council meeting.

Background

The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), is one of only three remaining territories in the Trusteeship System. (The others are the phosphate island, Nauru, and Australian New Guinea.) The TTPI is the only "strategic" trust territory under Article 82 of the Charter of the United Nations. It is also unique in its size and geography, covering an ocean expanse of 3,000,000 square miles, with a land area of only 687 square miles and a population of some 81,000. It includes the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana island groups. Nine major languages are spoken in the Territory.

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While in the Trust Territory the United Nations Visiting Mission will be looking for evidence of progress (or the lack of it) in the political, economic, educational, and social fields, especially progress toward the ultimate goal of self-determination or independence.

The question of our plans or intentions with regard to the eventual future status of the Territory will have been discussed during the course of the conversations with the Visiting Mission. We do not intend to reveal our present tentative thinking for a plebiscite in the Territory. The following points will have been made in the preceding discussions:

1. Our present efforts are aimed at greatly accelerating all phases of our program in the territory;
2. These efforts concentrate on increasing the rate of expenditure and development, and on extensive and comprehensive surveys for future development;
3. The United States anticipates that largely as a result of the acceleration of all phases of its program the inhabitants of the Trust Territory will make their decision regarding the future political status of the Territory within a "reasonable period of time."
4. The timing of the Territory's expression of self-determination has not been fixed and will be largely determined by the wishes of the people of the Territory as expressed by the Council of Micronesia and by the success of the Council in developing a sense of community within the Territory and in acting as a governing body for its widely scattered and differing people.

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Concerning the war damages question, the United States has taken steps over a period of years--intensively in 1963--to reach a settlement with the Japanese that would in some way compensate the islanders for their losses. However, the negotiations are most complex; and, in spite of our best efforts, we have thus far been unable to reach an agreement with the Japanese that would provide funds with which to compensate the islanders.

Tab A: Original Memorandum requesting the interview.
Tab B: Schedule of Mission's calls while in Washington.

Concurrence:

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Notices

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Correction

JANUARY 31, 1964.

In F.R. Doc. 63-10761, appearing on page 10687 of the issue for October 10, 1963, paragraph 6 is changed to read:

Power Site Classification No. 50 approved September 29, 1922 embraced every legal subdivision any portion of which surveyed, will lie within 1/4 mile of either bank of the Salmon River in this township, among others. This withdrawal is now described as embracing the following described lands:

BOISE MERIDIAN, IDAHO

T 33 N., R. 14 E.

Sec. 1, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4.

Paragraph 6 of the original publication is redesignated as paragraph 7.

ORVAL G. HADLEY,
Chief,
Division, Land Office.

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Office of the Secretary

[Order No. 2876]

GOVERNMENT OF TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

Extent and Nature of Administration

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this order is to delimit the extent and nature of the authority of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (hereinafter called "the Trust Territory"), as it will be exercised under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter called "the Secretary"), pursuant to Executive Order No. 11021 of May 7, 1962, and to prescribe the manner in which the relationships of the Government of the Trust Territory shall be established and maintained with the Congress, the Department of the Interior and other Federal agencies, and with foreign governments and international bodies.

Sec. 2. Executive authority. (a) The executive authority of the Government of the Trust Territory, and the responsibility for carrying out the international obligations undertaken by the United States with respect to the Trust Territory, shall be vested in a High Commissioner of the Trust Territory who shall be appointed by the Secretary, and shall be exercised and discharged under the supervision and direction of the Secretary.

(b) The relations of the Government of the Trust Territory with the Congress of the United States on all legislative matters, including appropriations, shall be conducted through the Department of the Interior.

(c) With freedom to consult directly with the Secretary when necessary, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory shall normally communicate with the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Office of Territories. The High Commissioner shall be responsible for all United States property in the Trust Territory which is required for the operation of the Government of the Trust Territory and for which the Department of the Interior has administrative responsibility. The High Commissioner shall perform such other functions for the Department of the Interior in the Trust Territory as may be delegated to him by the Secretary.

(d) Initial contact by the Government of the Trust Territory with Federal agencies outside the Department of the Interior on other than routine matters shall be established through the Office of Territories of the Department of the Interior. Once the relationship has been established, direct contact between the Government of the Trust Territory and the Federal agencies concerned may be maintained, in which event the office of Territories shall be kept informed of significant developments in the relationship. Federal agencies should be encouraged to extend their normal Federal services and assistance to the Trust Territory whenever practicable, and the Government of the Trust Territory should be reimbursed for services it performs for other Federal agencies.

(e) Communications of the Government of the Trust Territory with foreign governments and international bodies shall be cleared through the Department of the Interior for transmittal by the Department of State, unless some other procedure is approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

(f) In exercising his authority the High Commissioner shall obtain prior Secretarial approval of any significant deviation from the budget justification presented to the Congress, any expenditures from local revenues beyond the amount estimated in the budget justification, and any significant transfer of funds between programs or between administration and construction funds.

Sec. 3. Legislative authority. The legislative authority of the Government of the Trust Territory shall be vested in the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory and shall be exercised and discharged under the supervision and direction of the Secretary. The High Commissioner shall obtain Secretarial approval of any proposed new law or any proposed amendment to an existing law, except in the event of an emergency, in which case the law or amendment thereof

may be made effective by the High Commissioner who shall seek the Secretary's approval thereof as soon thereafter as possible. In the event that the Secretary does not approve, such law or amendment shall cease to be effective seven days after the date of his disapproval. The High Commissioner shall also obtain Secretarial approval of any proposed new regulations or any amendment of existing regulations which embodies an important change in policy. In the event of an emergency, regulations or amendments thereof, which would require Secretarial approval, may be made effective to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as provided for in the case of laws.

Sec. 4. Judicial authority. The judicial authority of the Government of the Trust Territory shall be vested in a High Court for the Trust Territory and such other courts as may be established pursuant to law. The Secretary shall appoint the Chief Justice and the Associate Justice of the High Court. The judicial authority shall be independent of the executive and legislative powers. Budgetary requests for the territorial judiciary, with supporting justification, shall be drawn up by the Chief Justice of the Trust Territory and submitted for the approval of the Department of the Interior by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory as a separate item in the annual budget for the Trust Territory. The High Commissioner should call the attention of the Department to any question which he may have regarding the budget for the judiciary. Regulations bearing on the organization or operation of the judiciary shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval prior to issuance.

Sec. 5. Prior orders. Department of the Interior Order No. 2658 of August 29, 1951, and Department of the Interior Order No. 2812 of April 6, 1956, insofar as it pertains to the Trust Territory, are hereby superseded.

Sec. 6. Existing laws. Existing laws, regulations, orders, appointments, or other acts in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this order shall remain in effect until they are superseded pursuant to the provisions of this order.

STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior.

JANUARY 30, 1964.

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ESCHEAT IN INDIAN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS

Rehearings and Appeals

JANUARY 28, 1964.

SECTION 1. **Determination.** Each Examiner of Inheritance (Hearing Exam-

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