

Alison May 7

Dear Ruth:

In the closet in your office, I left, among other things, a set of the Solomon Report. (Did you find the reading of interest?) It has Benitez's name in ink written on both volumes 1 and 2. I would certainly like to have this set if you could spare it. Mr. Benitez ~~was~~ prepared a summary of the report. If you could send a copy, it would save the time and effort of preparing one.

Tell J.K. I got my commission, frame and all. And pass on my thanks to him.

The climate here in Saipan is wonderful. Of course I am a tropical animal essentially. In spite of the hot sun, the atmosphere is still pretty cold, nearing frigid. The Establishment as I had expected ~~is~~ is downright disgusted with my appointment. Oh, well, life could be worse. That's the fatalist in me. I'll keep alert to any thawing.

The HiCom is leaving Monday for the Jack Burns (Governor of Hawaii) confab in Honolulu. I understand he will be back on the 11th.


I received your note and have done what you requested. We need ~~it~~ badly, very badly, a team ^{ok} certified public accountants who are experienced in the revamping ^{ok} government accounting systems and procedures., one of whom ^{must be} highly qualified in public works cost accounting. We here are already talking of over \$300,000 deficit in the operations budget ^{for Public Works} Education and Public Health budgets would be made to pay for this. Yet there is no money, unless from construction projects, to finance the plugging of the loopholes in the expenditure processes. *I am satisfied*

that we need outside help to straighten out our accounting and budget deficiencies. The regular staff here are swamped with putting out ~~fires~~ fires and trying to keep up with the expanded expenditure programs.

Regarding the proposed management contract, I would prefer to restrict the purposes to the development function as recommended by the Solomon Report: see item B Development Function, page 80, (II-A-4). Programming function, item A of same page should left to the T.T. government. The T.T. government, however, should be free to seek advise of contractor on whether or not its programming , T.T. government's, will fit into the economic developmeent program as ~~xxx~~ envisioned by proposed contractor. Outside of the Develop-ment function, I would like to ~~give these areas over to the contractor~~ think these areas (See listing, pages 6 & 7 of K & S report) ~~xxx~~ over before giving the areas to the same contractor, such K & S.

For instance, I would prefer to go directly to an accounting firm for an accounting survey & installation.

Maggie just called (she is here visiting - without the children) and I must rush. She is returning to Guam tomorrow.


Dick 5/4/64

HiCom left for Honolulu this afternoon. Please burn after reading.