

Dear John:

First I want to thank you for the dinner. ~~was~~ Maggie & I enjoyed it immensely. - The drive across country was tearible. I made in six days and my leg and back still hurts like the dickens. Though my son behaved exceedingly well, never again!

Even with the HiCom away, the atmosphere still is quite chilly. Nobody wants to talk except Dr. Sampson. Everyone is afraid.

As usual, a favor. Could you talk to Ruth privately to hold back approvals for the assistant commissionerships in Saipan. I have mentioned ~~specimens~~ to Goding that I have ideas about the reorganization program, and I have given him a copy of the enclosed, but he hasn't invited me to discuss it. Only Dr. Sampson agreed (he's the only one not afraid to talk) with me that there should be a Department of Medical Services with territorial jurisdiction. I am proposing the same thing for ~~Education~~ Education.

I am hoping that I will be able to discuss my proposal as per enclosed chart with the Hicom when he returns from Honolulu. It is not certain that he will see my point of view, but there is a possibility that he will listen to me. If nothing would ~~be~~ result out of this, I will wait until he goes to the U.N. to present my views officially to the Department. I am convinced that ~~we~~ if we must ^{have} HiCom alter egos, they are needed in the Districts, not here in Saipan where you already have the HiCom and his Deputy. Oh, well.

Give my Hello to Ruth and Rosie.

Thanks,


Dick