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Personal

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Dear Ruth

Thank you for your note of the 17th - it certainly is a bit nerve-racking to await developments. I did have a short note from the Secretary of the 14th stating that my appointment to Saipan had been "approved" and would be announced "in the near future".

Thus I find that my mind is a bit preoccupied with the southern hemisphere.

It would be most helpful to have some indication of a transitional timetable. Of course I have no inkling of what is going on with respect to this post. The newspaper speculation on Honolulu seems to have some foundation - and I assume the Hawaiian interest will have strong bearing

another item of some concern. This is an announcement on the departure of DHC. We are in a most embarrassing position. Jack showed me his letter from the Secretary - actually fixing the termination date as Feb 1. To my knowledge no formal resignation has been processed -



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Certainly Mr. Green seems to be qualified
but no more so than Frank. I would
not want Patton who is much too
inflexible - and too green. We
would undoubtedly rate boys on
an overall objective review of
qualifications etc. - disregarding
certain personal characteristics -
and might not be best in other circumstances.
A crucial factor - and one that is going
to be more of a problem is that we
are getting very very thin in
depth + experience. People who have
a real background in the area, problems
program and how to operate in our
very special situation. Not when
died suddenly day before yesterday -
further adding to the problem. Some
of our men personnel are certainly
basically good + sound - but almost
none of them are fully and effectively qualified.