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Trust Territory

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The High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific has complete responsibility for governing the Territory. Delegation of statutory authority from the Secretary is complete. The Territory has more than 80,000 inhabitants on small islands spread over an area equivalent to that of the U.S. The immediate task is to bring off a complete social, political and economic revolution in the Islands without compromising the U.S. security interest in the area.

Immediate goals for the High Commissioner are:

- 1. To provide basic benefits of education, health, housing and community services for all or most of the scattered population.
- 2. Develop the political climate for an affirmative plebiscite on permanent affiliation with the U.S.
- 3. Develop economy of the area so that it will be as self-sufficient as possible.

We will have to:

- 1. Recruit and hold a competent staff.
- 2. Get a \$100 to \$200 million capital improvement program through Congress and constructed in the next five years.
- 3. Govern the Territory justly and fairly, gaining the support of the population for a permanent affiliation with the U.S.
- 4. Find new fast solutions for old insoluble economic and social problems of the Islands because of the heterogeneity, separation and apathy of the native population.

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The High Commissioner should be a definite operational type who has recent pertinent experience in a local or State Government or a large scale economic development program. He should be able to handle policy planning and development programing, to sell his program to Congress and others and to carry it out.