

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

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Mrs. Elizabeth P. Farrington Director, Office of Territories Department of Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mrs. Farrington:

In his letter of July 10, 1970, a copy of which was provided the Department of Interior, the Commander, Naval Ordnance Systems Command advised us of the completion of the effort initiated in late 1965 to clear the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands of unexploded Japanese and American ammunition. It was indicated that from time to time unexploded material may be reported by the local populace of the TTPI, and in such cases it was recommended that an EOD Team clear such material.

The Navy maintains an EOD team in the Marianas area and will be pleased to make their services available to handle ammunition disposal problems as the need arises. Local arrangements can be made between the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the U. S. Navy commander in the area, Commander, Naval Forces, Marianas Islands.

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Sincerely,

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