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NRD/Interior Branch

Department of the Interior 1974 Supplemental Request for Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

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The Department of the Interior has requested approval of a supplemental appropriation for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands amounting to \$13.2 million for FY 1974.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>OMB Recom.</u>
Capital Improvements program (CIP)	8,419,000	6,900,000
Guam Controller	100,000	-0-
Micronesian Constitutional Convention	500,000	450,000
Accelerated land cadastral program	4,005,000	800,000
Accelerated education for self-government program	200,000	100,000
Total	13,224,000	8,250,000

Natural Resources Division recommends approval of \$8.3 million of the request, as detailed below.

Capital Improvements Program

The request is for an amount roughly equal to the \$8,224 K which was included in the 1974 budget for the CIP. The entire \$8,224 K was deleted from the enacted 1974 appropriation bill for Interior because there was a total of \$13.0 million of unobligated prior year CIP funds available for obligation in 1974 (which was \$30 M higher than the 1974 budget estimated).

The Appropriations Subcommittees reportedly told Interior that, if necessary steps were taken to ensure that the Trust Territory could obligate CIP funds as budgeted, the Committees would be willing to consider a 1974 supplemental budget request for the CIP. The Department's justification describes 10 steps which have been taken by the Trust Territory government to tighten control over the CIP program, including hiring a new public

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