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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96930

CABLE ADDRESS HICOTT SAIPAN

November 1, 1974

Chief of Naval Operations Department of the Navy Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are comments proposed by the Trust Territory Environmental Protection Board's advisory staff in response to the draft Environmental Impact Statement - Farallon de Medinilla Bombardment Range, Mariana Islands - prepared by the Department of the Navy, March, 1974.

The Board has not received the final environmental impact statement and the enclosed comments are presented solely on the basis of information provided in the draft statement. These comments were sent to the Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality, and to various individuals and agencies cited on enclosure (1) on 11 October, 1974.

The Board looks forward to reviewing the final environmental impact statement, and sincerely hopes that their comments and technical suggestions will be of assistance in determining the merits and benefits of the proposed project, versus the real or potential environmental problems that may be incurred.

It is requested that the Trust Territory government be provided with enough copies of the final statement for distribution.

Sincerely yours, Edward E. Johnston High Commissioner

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