

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
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MEMORANDUM FOR OP-02

Subject: Capital Site for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and Headquarters of the Deputy High Commissioner, proposed letter on.

1. It is considered that the third sentence of the proposed letter should be amplified to indicate the comments and recommendations requested are for preliminary planning in the Navy Department and that no implementing measures were to be taken at this time.

2. The removal of the Capital site from Guam would entail substantial additional requirements for housing, utilities, communications, water front development and shipping, all of which the Navy is ill able to provide at this time. The recommendations from the High Commissioner in these matters should also be definitely sought.

3. Accordingly, I recommend the first paragraph be changed to read:

" The Headquarters of the Deputy High Commissioner have been located on Guam since the establishment of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. This arrangement developed as a matter of expediency. It is now desired to take under consideration in the Navy Department the factors involved in the removal of the Headquarters to a location within the Trust Territory. These factors are those of command relationship, construction effort and logistic support. If the headquarters is relocated in the Trust Territory, it is expected that the location selected may eventually be designated as the capital of the area. "

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By Direction



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