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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to advise that the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Navy Department and the Department of the Interior Regarding the Transfer of Administrative Responsibility for American Samoa and the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Navy Department and the Department of the Interior Regarding the Transfer of Administrative Responsibility for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that were forwarded with Under Secretary Chapman's letter of August 29, 1949 meet with my approval.

It will be agreeable that, in view of the President's letter of May 14, 1949, which directed your Department to submit plans to him by September 1, 1949, you submit these memoranda to the President as the recommended plans for the transfer of American Samoa and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN T. HODGE
Acting Secretary of the Dept.

The Honorable Julius A. Krug
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

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