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**From:** High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
**To:** Chief Administrator of Field Headquarters, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Civil Administrator, Saipan District, Northern Marianas Islands

Civil Administrator, Truk District, Eastern Caroline Islands

Civil Administrator, Palau District, Western Caroline Islands

Civil Administrator, Marshall Islands

Civil Administrator, Ponape District, Eastern Caroline Islands

**Subj:** Comments on proposed establishment of Territorial Parks and Monuments; request for

1. HICOMTERPACIS proposes to establish certain areas in TERPACIS as Territorial Parks or Monuments to protect and preserve those areas, objects, and species of living flora and fauna of unusual scientific, historic or esthetic significance.
2. It is desired that the archaeological remains of great antiquity and scientific interest, known to exist in TERPACIS, be preserved. The sites of these remains will be appropriately marked, cleared, and protected against violation and disintegration. Other areas of historical importance that may be worthy of preservation are the battlefields of the recent war and the ruins of religious or other structures dating back to the Spanish administration. Certain areas may be worthy of designation as Territorial Parks because of their primitive condition, because they harbor indigenous fauna or flora or because of their unique scenic features. Special attention should be given to the protection of objects or sites considered by the indigenes to be of cultural or historical importance.
3. CIVADs are requested to designate sites or areas to be set aside for the purposes stated above, to delineate the boundaries as accurately as possible, and to recommend procedures for the establishment, maintenance, support and regulation of such sites as Territorial Monuments, Parks or Reserves. A careful estimate of the costs and labor involved in clearing and marking designated sites and yearly maintenance costs should be included. As successful maintenance of reserved areas depends largely upon the cooperation of the indigenous people, every effort should be made to gain their support. It may be found appropriate in some cases to designate the municipality as the governmental body to administer reserved areas within their boundaries. A careful appraisal of indigenous attitudes toward sites proposed is desired in all cases.

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4. Some of the sites and objects recommended for preservation are listed below for example:

a. Archaeological:

House of Taga	-	Tinian
Taga Stone Quarry	-	Tinian
As Nevis	-	Rota
Latte sites	-	Saipan
Nan Matal	-	Ponape
Lele ruins	-	Kusaie
Sarcophagus	-	Koror

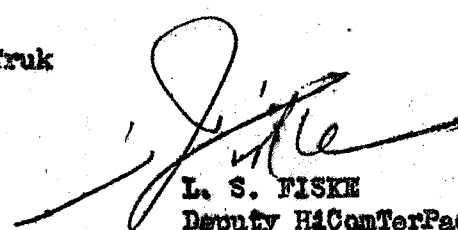
b. Historical:

Garapan Church Ruins		Saipan
Stone Money	-	Yap
Marker in Honor of Missionary Logan	-	Truk

Important World War II Battlegrounds e.g. Blue Beach, Saipan;  
 Bloody Nose Ridge, Peleliu, etc.

c. Parks:

Summit of Mt. Tapachau		Saipan
Lake Susupe	-	Saipan
Marpí Cliffs	-	Saipan
Caldera Area near Mt. Pagan	-	Pagan
Masalog Ridge	-	Tinian
Forested Upland Plateau	-	Rota
Urukthopel Island Complex	-	Palau
Summits of Mt. Toloman and Mt. Unipot	-	Truk

  
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