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From: High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
To: Commandant Twelfth Naval District

Subj: Transportation of Trust Territory Employees

1. The President of the United States has directed that the Administration of the Trust Territory is to be transferred from the Navy Department to the Interior Department by 1 July 1951. In order to effect the transfer it is mandatory that the naval personnel now administering the government of the Trust Territory be replaced by civilian employees prior to 1 July 1951.

2. A recruitment program was implemented by the High Commissioner some weeks ago and a good number of the positions are now filled. It is anticipated that approximately seventy-five (75) of these employees will be applying for transportation during the next few weeks.

3. In view of the very urgent need for the services of these employees it is most important that they arrive in Pearl Harbor prior to 15 June or as soon thereafter as possible. All employees have been instructed to report to the Twelfth Naval District Transportation Office to complete travel arrangements. Government air transportation is authorized in their contracts. It is requested that the Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District assign air travel priorities as necessary to insure departure from San Francisco within a reasonable period of time (2-3 days). If, because of other commitments, it is impossible to furnish air transportation to Pearl Harbor within a reasonable length of time the High Commissioner will authorize transportation via commercial aircraft, if the need for the services of the individual involved is sufficiently urgent. The Commandant Twelfth Naval District is requested to submit such cases by dispatch to the High Commissioner for decision. Any other assistance to expedite the travel of these employees will be sincerely appreciated.

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