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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Judge Advocate General

Subj: Proposed Amendment to Executive Order 10408

Ref: (a) Executive Order 10408 of 10 November 1952
(b) CINCPACFLT Restricted msg 290324Z Nov 1952 to CNO
(c) SECNAV ltr ser 4271F21 of 18 Dec 1952 to SECINTERIOR
(d) SECNAV ltr ser 4272F21 of 18 Dec 1952 to SECSTATE

Encl: (1) Copy of CINCPACFLT Restricted msg 302249Z Nov 1952 to
CNO
(2) Copy of SECINTERIOR ltr of 30 Dec 1952 to SECNAV
(3) Copy of SECSTATE ltr of 5 Jan 1953 to SECNAV

1. Reference (a) directed that the administration of that portion of the Trust Territory which includes the islands of Saipan and Tinian be transferred from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Navy effective 1 January 1953.
2. By reference (b) and by enclosure (1) the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet proposed the transfer of all the Mariana Islands in order to provide a more orderly and economical administration. This proposal had the concurrence and support of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.
3. References (c) and (d) requested the concurrences of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of State respectively in a proposal to amend the language of Executive Order 10408 to include all of the Mariana Islands. The concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior is indicated in enclosure (2) and of the Secretary of State in enclosure (3).
4. It is requested that an appropriate amendment to Executive Order 10408 be processed for Presidential approval which will include the following:

"In order to provide a more orderly and economical administration, Executive Order 10408 is hereby amended to include all of the Northern Mariana Islands."

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