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Naval Operations
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Dear Captain Duffill:

I am attaching a copy of a draft statement of the Department's objectives and policies in the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

This statement has been cleared by the High Commissioner and by the Department of State. We would appreciate receiving any comments you may have regarding it before we send it forward to the Secretary for approval and issuance as Departmental policy.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Anthony T. Lausi

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Director

Enclosure

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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Statement of Objectives and Policies in Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands Administration

Encl: (1) Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Statement of Objectives
and Policies

1. The Department of the Interior by letter dated 29 March 1957 requested comments on a proposed "Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Statement of Objectives and Policies" to be promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior for guidance of all staff and field personnel. The subject document contained a summary of policies and objectives which have been in effect since the establishment of Navy civil administration in 1947 and continued after the transfer to the Department of the Interior in 1951.
2. By Chief of Naval Operations letter to the Director, Office of Territories, Department of the Interior the document was commented on favorably, and it was suggested that since the Trust Territory is jointly administered by the Departments of Interior and Navy that the Statement of Objectives be issued as a joint declaration and as an expression of the Administering Authority rather than of the Department of the Interior alone.
3. The Director, Office of Territories, Department of the Interior by letter dated 16 April 1957 concurred in the suggestion to the extent of issuing identical statements by the two departments. A statement has been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval and a substantially identical statement is submitted as enclosure (1) herewith. There is no change in policy. Approval is recommended.

151 G. L. Russell

Approved ~~for~~ 29 Apr 57
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