

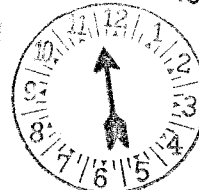
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From: Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet  
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Consolidation of Rota within the Saipan District; comments pertaining to (C)

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Ref: (a) CINCPACFLT CONF msg 232334Z OCT 1959  
(b) CINCPACFLT CONF ltr FF1-1 5400 ser 45/01421 of 31 JUL 1959  
(c) CNO CONF ltr Op-403E1/hma ser 03370P40 of 28 AUG 1959

1. Reference (a) made certain recommendations in connection with the consolidation of Rota within the Saipan District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In view of recent developments in connection with this matter, it is recommended that consideration be given to the following aspects of a possible change in administration of this area.
2. If Saipan is to be transferred from Navy control, it is recommended that the Saipan project be deleted from the Construction Battalion employment schedule recommended by reference (b) and approved by reference (c). The personnel, unit allocation and material now scheduled for use on Saipan can be effectively utilized in other areas where high priority navy requirements exist.
3. Many items such as bulk POL and other expendable items, while actually physically located at Saipan, are Naval Stock Account property. Transfer of NSA material, if contemplated, should be accomplished only on a reimbursable basis. Navy Exchange, Commissary, Club and Welfare and Recreation property should also be transferred on a reimbursable basis.
4. At the present time there are six Saipanese attending the University of Hawaii under scholarships funded from the Saipan Special Deposit Fund. Under this program a student is enrolled for the entire undergraduate program and allowed to continue to graduation subject to meeting the requirements of the University. The High Commissioner also has a scholarship program, but under arrangements where the students are selected for only two years schooling at one time. It is not considered that any attempt should be made to impose the Navy policies upon the High Commissioner for purposes of the future but it is considered that the students now in attendance from Saipan should be allowed to continue in their presently planned curricula rather than shift to the shorter program. The scholarship funding responsibility and the Saipan Special Deposit Fund will be transferred to the Interior Department with the transfer of administrative responsibility.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

In regard to my letter of 21 October 1959 relative to the establishment of a single administration for the Northern Marianas section of the Trust Territory, the subject has been reviewed within the Navy Department.

With full appreciation of all the factors set forth in your letter of 3 October 1959, the Navy Department is prepared to transfer administrative responsibility for the Saipan District to the Department of Interior at the earliest practicable date on which details for the transfer can be completed.

Prior to the accomplishment of this objective however, I would appreciate your concurrence in the following:

- a. That the Department of the Interior will procure the necessary amendment to Executive Order 10470 of 17 July 1953 transferring the administration of the Saipan District from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior.
- b. That the Navy will continue to operate the Naval Technical Training Unit on Saipan in the areas presently occupied.
- c. That the Department of the Interior will continue to provide such utilities and other services to the Naval Technical Training Unit as are now being provided by the Naval Administration Unit on Saipan.
- d. That a formal administrative agreement be executed between the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Interior covering the details of the transfer of administration for the Saipan District. It is suggested that this agreement follow the pattern established in 1953 when a similar administrative transfer was accomplished.
- e. That a joint Secretary of the Navy-Secretary of the Interior public information release be prepared, for publication at the appropriate time, covering the administrative transfer proposed.

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If this meets with your approval, Rear Admiral G. R. Donaho, USN, Assistant Vice Chief of Naval Operations/Director of Naval Administration, is designated as the point of contact for the Navy Department.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Fred A. Seaton  
Secretary of the Interior  
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