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FROM : 0P-09B25

subject: Administration of the Saipan District

Encl: (1) Proposed ltr to Mr. Lausi, Department of the Interior

1. As previously reported, I have discussed this subject with Mr. Lausi several times during the past month, particularly since Interior representatives have indicated that they are not geared to handle the administration of Saipan under existing conditions. These have been informal discussions however and now that the proposed turnover mentioned in Mr. Lausi's letter to you of 27 January appears to have been indefinitely tabled, we should be informed officially.

2. Enclosure (1), prepared for your signature, asks for Interior's comments regarding the proposed turnover. This letter is intended to get a reply from Mr. Lausi, rather than on a Secretary level.

Very respectfully,

FINDLEY Captain, U.S.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Lausi:

Reference is made to the Secretary of the Interior's letter of 5 January 1960 to the Secretary of the Navy and your letter of 27 January 1960 to the Director of the Administration Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in regard to subject of transferring administrative responsibility for the Saipan District.

Discussions to date have clarified certain aspects of this proposal. However, in order that a clearer understanding might be had for future planning, we would appreciate your comment as to further steps that might be taken in regard to the referenced correspondence.

Sincerely yours.

Mr. Anthony T. Lausi Director, Office of Territories Department of the Interior Washington 25, D. C.

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