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**Views expressed by Assistant Secretary of the Interior
John A. Carver and other officials**

**Encl: (1) Copy of Memorandum dated 2 June 1961 from CDR R. D.
Law, Jr. (Island Government Officer, Staff CINCPACFLT)
to Admiral Sides**

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded as a matter of interest. It will be noted that there is an apparent reversal of thinking after Mr. Carver's visit to the Trust Territory, which included Saipan. As far as the Navy taking over transportation chores for Interior in the Carolines and Marshalls, this idea is not new. This is Interior's biggest problem and the years have proven that they are not capable of coping with the situation. The Visiting Mission was most critical of the poor logistic support provided in Interior's area of administration.

2. A meeting has been scheduled for 1530 on 6 June, to be held in Mr. Woodruff Wallner's office, State Department to discuss the future administration of the Saipan District (he is Deputy Assistant Secretary - International Organization Affairs - under Assistant Secretary, Harlan Cleveland). Representatives from State, Interior and other Governmental Agencies concerned will be present. I have been invited to attend - and have accepted.

Very respectfully,

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1. The originator met Assistant Secretary Carver upon his return from his trip to Guam, the Trust Territory and Samoa and saw him off when he departed Honolulu for Washington on 29 May.
2. Mr. Carver visited Saipan, Truk, Ponape, Majuro and Kwajalein while in the Trust Territory. During his visit to Saipan he was fully briefed concerning all phases of both NAVAD and NTTU. This was the first briefing on NTTU for Mr. Carver (also for U. S. Rep to the U. N. Trusteeship Council Jonathan Bingham and the new High Commissioner, Mr. Goding).
3. During his transit through Honolulu enroute West, Mr. Bingham stated that he felt that the U. S. should terminate dual administration of the Trust Territory at an early date by eliminating the Navy from the role of Administrator. Mr. Carver did not directly state this same point of view but some remarks of his inferred the same thinking.
4. On their return to Honolulu, feelings had somewhat changed. Mr. Carver suggested that the Navy should consider the matter of getting deeper into the Trust Territory picture by taking over both air and surface logistic support for the entire Trust Territory. He suggested that this would be in keeping with the "strategic" concept of the Trust Territory. He first stated that this would be on a reimbursable basis but then modified his statement to say that Interior would "assist" the Navy to obtain funds to fund the additional cost. He stated that he was not making positive recommendations to this effect at this time but that he would like the Navy to give some thought to the matter and that he would probably take the matter up informally with the Navy in Washington. Mr. Bingham made no comments regarding his thoughts on the matter.
5. High Commissioner Goding passed through Honolulu Wednesday enroute to Washington. He did not make any comments as direct as those of Mr. Carver but did state on two different occasions that his short review of Trust Territory affairs had revealed to him the gross inefficiency and extreme high cost of transportation in the area and that he felt strongly that there "must be a better way of doing it". After Mr. Carver and Mr. Goding get a chance to put their heads together in Washington, I suspect that this matter may emerge as some sort of an official request.

Very respectfully,

R. D. LAW, JR.