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Rear Admiral G. R. Donaho
Assistant Vice Chief of Naval Operations
Director of Naval Administration
Department of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.


Dear Admiral Donaho:

During the conference which you had with High Commissioner Goding, it was tentatively agreed that a press release would be drafted which, in turn, would be issued by Mr. Goding and Admiral Coye on Guam. We had some weeks ago concluded that the release was unnecessary because of Guam newspaper publicity given the impending transfer of the Saipan District to this Department. However, Mr. Goding has since advised us that he believes that it is important that the transfer date be announced soon to alleviate uncertainty among the civilian population of the Saipan District. He states that the uncertainty will make the Navy's administrative job more difficult in the ensuing six months and that it will complicate Interior's work in assuming administration of the District.

We have, therefore, drafted the enclosed press release which we submit for your review and suggestions. We propose, after incorporating your comments, to send the release to Mr. Goding requesting that he and Admiral Coye jointly make the announcement.

Pending receipt of your views, we have brought a copy of this letter and the draft release to the attention of the Office of Dependent Area Affairs, Department of State.

Sincerely yours,


Richard F. Taitano
Director

Enclosure