

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : RADM Donaho *CRD*  
 VIA: CAPT Oliver *CE*  
 FROM : CAPT Findley

Op-09B22/ded  
 Ser 1845P09B2  
 DATE: 26 Dec 1961

SUBJECT: Transfer of the Administration for the Saipan District

ENCL: (1) Mr. Richard F. Taitano's letter to RADM Donaho dated 18 Dec 1961  
 (2) CNO's Conf msg 202253Z to CINCPACFLT and COMNAVMARIANAS  
 (3) CINCPACFLT Conf msg 220107Z to CNO  
 (4) COMNAVMARIANAS Conf msg 220033Z to CINCPACFLT info CNO  
 (5) Proposed reply to Mr. Taitano

1. Enclosure (1) requested your review and suggestions to an enclosed draft press release tentatively announcing the transfer date for the administration of the Saipan District as 1 July 1962. Official announcement of this date is what we have been striving to obtain from Interior since July.
2. Enclosure (2) briefed the contents of the draft and requested CINCPACFLT's concurrence or comments. COMNAVMARIANAS was an info addressee.
3. By enclosure (3) CINCPACFLT concurred in the procedures set forth in CNO's msg, enclosure (2). So did COMNAVMARIANAS who also added that Interior should consider whether or not they wish to make an announcement at this time as to moving the High Commissioners' headquarters from Guam to Saipan, enclosure (4). Interior does not - at this time!
4. Enclosure (5) concurring in the proposed draft, is submitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

*L. G. Findley*  
 L. G. FINDLEY,  
 Captain, USN

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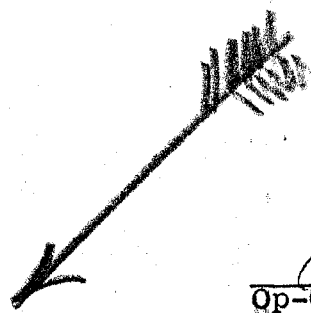
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Transfer Saipan District to Interior

Draft press release submitted by Interior sets transfer date 1 Jul 1962, refers previous discussions between Departments, quotes HICOM statement before TT Council (para 3 page 6 T/PV. 1155 23 Jun) and states COMNAVMARIANAS/HICOMTERPACIS develop details of transfer. Upon receipt Navy concurrence Interior proposes notify HICOM to make joint release with COMNAVMARIANAS. After announcement HICOM plans sending survey team Saipan confer with NAVAD. Your concurrence or comments requested prior reply Interior.



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TRANSFER SAIPAN DISTRICT TO INTERIOR

A. CNO 202253Z

1. CONCUR PROCEDURES SET FORTH REF A.

2. FOR COMNAVMARIANAS. REQ COPY PRESS RELEASE, AND  
RELEASE DATE, PRIOR TO RELEASE.



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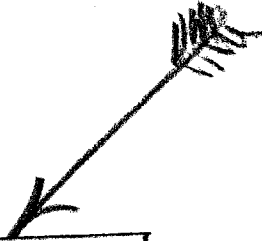
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TRANSFER SAIPAN DISTRICT  
A. CNO 202253Z

1. CONCUR REF A. EARLY JOINT RELEASE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO INITIAT ORDERLY PLANNING OF TURNOVER. A WORKING GROUP HAS ALREADY BEEN FORMED TO INSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSFER. DEPT INTERIOR SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THEY WISH TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME OF POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS TO SAIPAN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HEADQUARTERS DECISION HAS A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PLANING FOR TURNOVER.

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