



UNITED STATES
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Washington 25, D. C.

Air Mail

Honorable M. W. Collins
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands
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Dear Mr. Collins:

Enclosed is a copy of a press release announcing the date of the Saigon transfer. The draft has been concurred in by the Navy and State Departments as well as by appropriate officials in this Department.

We should appreciate your conferring with Admiral Coye and arranging for a suitable time for the release. As you will note, it should be a joint release. We leave to your best judgment the timing, but we do suggest that the announcement be made after Director Loftano's arrival on Guam. Lastly, will you please radio us the date of the announcement. We do not plan on making a release in Washington at this time, but we need the date for future reference.

Sincerely yours,

D. H. Nucker, Chief
Division of Insular Affairs

Enclosures:
Press Release Draft
Copy of memorandum
Copy of letter

cc: Captain L. G. Findley ✓