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PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE SAIPAN TURNOVER

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1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM OP 09B. HAVE DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER AND IT IS PROPOSED TO RELEASE IT AT 120500Z TO RADIO AND PRESS UNODIR. TEXT RELEASE IS AS FOLLOWS: 'TRANSFER OF THE SAIPAN DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET FOR JULY 1, 1962, HIGH COMMISSIONER N. W. GODING AND REAR ADMIRAL JOHN S. COYE, JR. ANNOUNCED TODAY. THE REESTABLISHMENT OF CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWS A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BY THE NAVY AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENTS AND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STATEMENT GIVEN THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN JUNE 1961. AT THAT TIME HIGH COMMISSIONER GODING STATED: 'THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HAS ALSO BEEN GLAD TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE VISITING MISSION AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIRABILITY OF UNIFYING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY UNDER THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. AS WE HAVE ALREADY STATED TO THE COUNCIL, THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RECEIVING MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND I CAN NOW FURTHER SAY THAT THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED ARE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE UNIFIED. THE DETAILED STEPS FOR BRINGING ABOUT THIS UNIFIED ADMINISTRATION ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF BEING WORKED OUT.' DISCUSSIONS

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BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE INTERIOR HAVE RESULTED IN THE SELECTION OF JULY 1, 1962, AS AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR THE TRANSFER. ADMIRAL COYE AND HIGH COMMISSIONER GODING HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER. IN ORDER TO MAKE SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT, HIGH COMMISSIONER GODING PLANS TO SEND A SURVEY TEAM TO SAIPAN TO CONFER WITH NAVY ADMINISTRATORS.

2. IN ADDITION THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO DESIRES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE BY HIGH COMMISSIONER UPON HIS RETURN FRIDAY. I CONCUR IN THIS ADDITION WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:  
 'THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE FIRST PROVISIONAL CAPITAL OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THIS HISTORIC STEP IS IN KEEPING WITH THE DESIRES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION TO ADVANCE THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIA, FROM SAIPAN, FOR THE FIRST TIME THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL ADMINISTER THE SEVEN DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM WITHIN THE TERRITORY ITSELF. THE DESIGNATION OF A PROVISIONAL CAPITAL WITHIN THE TERRITORY WILL FACILITATE THE GROWTH OF SELF-GOVERNMENT AND WILL ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, THROUGH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, TO SELECT IN THE FUTURE A PERMANENT SEAT FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT.'

3. THE TIMING OF RELEASE COINCIDES WITH VISIT OF RICHARD TAITANO DEPT INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR OFFICE OF TERRITORIES.

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