

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : RADM Donaho

DATE: 25 JAN 1962

Via : CAPT Oliver

FROM : CAPT Findley

SUBJECT: Inquiries concerning transfer of Saipan

Re: (1) Questions posed by Frank Hewlett, Honolulu Star-Bulletin

1. Enclosure (1) was delivered to OP-09D22 by CDR Castillo of CHINFO. Information is requested on Saipan by Frank Hewlett of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin who directed his inquiry to the Department of Defense who in turn referred the inquiry to CHINFO for reply.

2. Suggested answers to the questions follow:

"1. When administrative control of Saipan district is shifted from Navy to Interior Department, will the Navy retain the large area it has fenced off for secret work in the Saipan district?"

No.

"2. What island is it on? (Fenced in district)"

Saipan.

"3. What is it used for?"

Technical training.

"4. Is classified military work allowed in the trust territory?"

Yes under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement, such as the use of Eniwetok and Bikini.

"5. Are there any other enclaves in the Saipan district that may be retained by the Navy?"

Mobilization retention rights.

"6. Why was control of the Saipan district switched back to the Navy by presidential executive order in 1953?"

The President of the United States directed the transfer of administration. The Navy complied.

3. The questions and answers were discussed with Mr. William Vance and meet with his approval. Short, direct answers to the questions

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are recommended.

Very respectfully,

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