

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In reply refer to
LA-315:mp

Office of Legislative Affairs

20 APR 1962

Honorable David E. Bell
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bell:

Your request for the views of the Department of Defense on a proposed Executive Order "Administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by the Secretary of the Interior" has been assigned to this Department for the preparation of a report thereon.

The proposed Executive Order would transfer administration of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior.

The Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Department of Defense, interposes no objection to the approval of the proposed Executive Order.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

For the Secretary of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. SAMPSON
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief

LEGISLATIVE

43171