

JUN 29 1962

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received your letter of 23 June 1962 and the copy of the proposed agreement between the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior with respect to the transfer of responsibility for the administration of the Government of the Saipan District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands enclosed therewith.

You indicate that this proposed agreement represents the views of the Department of the Interior and you request my early approval of the agreement in order that it may be forwarded for implementation prior to 1 July 1962. A review of the proposed agreement reveals that Article 1, Section C pertaining to Real Property has been modified to include conditions not previously discussed by our respective representatives and on which further consultation should be held. I understand that such consultation is now underway between Navy and Interior representatives, with the hope of early resolution. However, in order that implementation of the transfer of the administration of the Saipan District may go forward on 1 July 1962, I am pleased to approve all other parts of the agreement as submitted.

Copies of the agreement less Article 1, Section C are being made available to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and the Commander U. S. Naval Forces Marianas, and to other naval activities for implementation on 1 July 1962.

Sincerely yours,

DELIVERED BY SPECIAL MESSENGER
THIS DATE JUN 29 1962

J. D. KORTZ
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

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