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Serial: 107Staff, CinCPacFlt,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

3 January 1949.

Dear Leon:

In the directive of 30 December 1948 (joint CinCPacFlt-HiComTerPacIs), a copy of which has been forwarded you, I am instructed to determine the progress being made in carrying out the provisions of paragraph 2 of CNO serial 170P22 dated 18 February 1948, a copy of which is enclosed. Admiral Ramsey particularly desires my comments and recommendations as to the preparatory planning which should be undertaken for an orderly transition from administration of the Trust Territory by the Navy to administration by Interior.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of a "preliminary draft" of a program for planning for civilian administration of Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The source of this draft is unknown to me, but the contents indicate it came from Washington and probably from the Department of the Interior.

This "preliminary draft" includes planning objectives. Commencing on page 4 (Appendix) and continuing through page 12, there are set forth factors which can only be answered authoritatively by the Navy as to the present situation. I would appreciate a detailed breakdown of these factors on my arrival in Guam so they can be discussed prior to my return to Pearl.

The form of the detailed breakdown is left to your competent hands. I should like to have comprehensive breakdowns on transportation (page 10 of the "preliminary draft") and communications (page 11), including costs. A staff study of the operational security of the Trust Territory is indicated as necessary, in view of the UN Charter for the Territory.

It is my intention to ascertain the names of those in the CivAd and ITC chain who desire to stay on regardless of the administering agency and include them in my report. If you have any other data in mind which you think I should obtain enroute, please radio GenInsPacFlt.

Looking forward to seeing you the end of the month, I remain,

Sincerely as ever,


H. R. THURBER.

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