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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
Subject: Capital site for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and Headquarters of the Deputy High Commissioner.
Reference: (a) CNO Secret ltr Ser 0040PO4D of 25 June 1948 to Distribution List.

1. The Headquarters of the Deputy High Commissioner have been located on Guam since the establishment of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. This arrangement developed as a matter of expediency. It is now desired to take under consideration in the Navy Department the factors involved in the removal of the Headquarters to a location within the Trust Territory. These factors are those of command relationship, construction effort and logistic support. If the Headquarters is relocated in the Trust Territory, it is expected that the location selected may eventually be designated as the capital of the area.

2. The High Commissioner is requested to submit comments and recommendations on at least two possible sites within the Trust Territory that would be suitable as Headquarters for the Deputy High Commissioner. Reference (a), which directs that no permanent construction will be undertaken at present in the Trust Territory, continues in effect. The provisions of reference (a) may indicate the desirability of designating an interim site for use until such time as permanent construction may be authorized.

3. It is requested that the comments and recommendations asked for be submitted at as early a date as may be practicable.

4. Transmission by United States registered mail or registered guard mail is authorized in accordance with Article 7-5, United States Navy Security Manual for Classified matter.

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