



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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My dear Mr. Secretary:

attached

I have received and noted with great satisfaction Assistant Secretary Koehler's letter of June 15 stating that, with this Department's concurrence, the Navy Department will direct the preparation of a plan by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the ultimate development of each civil administration center in consonance with the requirements of long-term administrative policy of the United States for discharging the responsibilities undertaken under the Trusteeship Agreement.

This Department heartily concurs in the proposal and is prepared to collaborate to the fullest measure possible in carrying it out. I suggest that, if possible, the plan set forth a comparative evaluation, including cost estimates, of the suitability of Truk and Saipan as the site for the permanent headquarters of the Trust Territory.

Please convey my appreciation to the High Commissioner for his initiative in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver L. Chapman
Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Francis P. Matthews

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