

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am forwarding herewith a draft of a 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 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The original draft was prepared jointly by the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory at my direction. A number of points of difference were noted for resolution on the departmental level. The draft was revised in the Navy Department with the participation of representatives of the Department of the Interior, Office of Territories and as now forwarded represents the views of my department on the specific areas covered by the agreement. All points of difference have been reconciled with the views of your representatives with the exceptions of paragraph two (2), Section A of Article One (1) and paragraph one (1) g., Section B of Article One (1).

I will appreciate your early consideration of this draft, including approval of the two paragraphs referenced above, in order that complete agreement may be reached in time to forward the provisions thereof to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and the High Commissioner for implementation prior to July 1, 1951.

Copies of the enclosed draft have been forwarded to the Secretary of Defense with the request that he undertake to secure approval of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Oscar L. Chapman
Secretary of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Encl:

- (1) Draft of 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 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

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