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From: Chief of Naval Operations
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Subj: Draft of Proposed Agreement between the Department of the Navy and the Department of Interior with respect to the transfer of responsibility for the administration of Saipan and Tinian

Encl: (1) CINCPACFLT ltr ser 8154 of 5 Dec 1952 to CNO with enclosure thereto

1. The Chief of Naval Operations on 13 November 1952 directed the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet to develop with the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory a draft agreement covering the transfer of administration of Saipan and Tinian from the Department of the Interior to the Department of the Navy.

2. A draft of a proposed agreement in connection with the transfer of administration was submitted by enclosure (1), which is forwarded herewith for your comment on those portions of the agreement containing matters under your cognizance.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 2 on page 1 of the proposed agreement in which reference is made to the whole of the Saipan District vice the islands of Saipan and Tinian. The necessary amendments to Executive Order 10408 to extend the area described as the islands of Saipan and Tinian to include the whole of the Saipan District have been made the subject of a separate action. For purposes of this agreement, Executive Order 10408 has been construed as referring to only the islands of Saipan and Tinian.

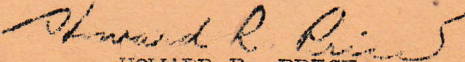
4. It is requested that your comments be formulated and returned to the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-21) prior to 19 December 1952 for consolidation and scheduling of conferences to follow. Executive Order 10408 directs that the transfer of administration to the Secretary of the Navy become effective on 1 January 1953.

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