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USUN - Mr. Ben Brown

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UND - Mr. Gerig

Transmittal of Information Requested by Visiting Mission to Pacific

The 1953 Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories in the Pacific area held an informal meeting on December 17, 1952 to which were invited members of the delegations of the Administering Authorities concerned. (See memorandum from Mr. Cargo to Mr. Gerig, December 17, 1952, copy to Secretary General, USUN). At this meeting the Mission requested that the United States submit suggestions as to its itinerary within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. This request was referred to the Department of the Interior and, by them, to the High Commissioner, and the attached suggested itinerary has been worked out. As requested by the Mission, the suggested itinerary indicates the number of days which might be spent in and around the principal centers in the Trust Territory, together with an indication of activities which might be undertaken in each of the areas. The Mission also indicated that it might decide not to visit the Saipan District and wished an alternative itinerary omitting this area.

It is requested that the attached itinerary be communicated to Mr. Wieschhoff of the Secretariat for the Mission's consideration. The following points should be made:

1. With respect to the Mission's request for an alternative itinerary omitting the Saipan District, it should be pointed out that such an alternative could be arranged by eliminating the trip, Guam to Saipan to Tinian to Guam, scheduled in the attached itinerary for the period February 28-March 1. The week-end thus saved could then be spent by the Mission, at its discretion, in Koror, Guam or Truk.
2. The Mission should be informed that the United States understands that the beginning and end dates for the Mission's trip through the Trust Territory (i.e. arrive Honolulu February 17, depart Majuro for Nauru, March 9) are now firm.
3. Attention should be called to the fact that, although the Mission tentatively decided to depart Honolulu for Guam on February 21, the attached itinerary shows that departure on February 20 as we are advised by the High Commissioner that a regular commercial flight is scheduled for the latter date and none is scheduled for February 21.

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4. The Mission should be requested to advise us at the earliest possible time of their decision as to the dates to be spent in each of the main centers; i.e., Yap, Koror, Saipan, Truk, Ponape and Majuro. It is believed that the attached suggestions as to the itinerary will enable the Mission to reach such a decision. The Mission will appreciate that it is highly desirable for the arrival and departure dates for each of the main centers to be fixed as soon as possible in order that local accommodations for the Mission may be satisfactorily arranged. Maximum flexibility will be maintained with respect to local itineraries within each of these main areas.

Enclosure:

Itinerary for Visiting Mission.

cc: Mr. Yeomans, Department of the Interior
Lt. Comdr. Herrick, Department of the Navy. ✓

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Proposed Breakdown of Itinerary
for Trusteeship Council Visiting
Mission to the Trust Territory of
the Pacific Islands

- February 17-20 - Honolulu
Conferences with the High Commissioner and his staff
- February 20 - Depart Honolulu for Guam
- February 21 - International date line
- February 22 - Arrive Guam
- 23 - Guam to Yap
- 23 - Yap
Conferences with Yap District Administrator
and Yapese officials and leaders
- Visit intermediate and elementary schools and
hospital
- Visit Yap villages and other points of interest
- 24 - Yap to Koror
- 24-26 - Koror
Conferences with the District Administrator and
Palauan officials and leaders
- Visit the intermediate and elementary schools and
hospital
- Visit Community Welfare Center project being
conducted in cooperation with the South
Pacific Commission
- Possible side trip to Babeldaup to site of cacao
plantation
- Possible side trip to Angaur to view phosphate
mining activities
- Visits to various Palauan communities

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- February 27 - Koror to Guam
- 28 - Guam to Saipan
 Conferences with the District Administrator and Saipanese officials and leaders
- Visit the intermediate and elementary schools and the hospital, including insane asylum
- Visit farms and the site of the cattle introduction project
- March 1 - Saipan to Tinian to Guam
- Visit leprosarium on Tinian
- Visit farm areas on Tinian where fresh vegetables are being produced for export to Guam
- March 2 - Guam to Truk
- 2-3 - Truk
 Conferences with the District Administrator and Truk officials and leaders.
- Visit the Pacific Islands Central School, the intermediate school and elementary schools.
- Visit the hospital and other government installations
- Visit local business concerns
- Possible side-trip to Dublon Island where the capital of the Trust Territory is to be located
- 4 - Truk to Ponape
- 4-5 - Ponape
 Conferences with the District Administrator and Ponape officials and leaders
- Visit the intermediate and elementary schools and hospital
- Visit agricultural experimental station
- Possible trip to the Metalanim coconut plantation

March 6 - Ponape to Majuro

6-9 - Majuro (week-end in the period)
Conferences with the District Administrator and
Marshallese officials and leaders

Visit the intermediate and elementary schools and
hospitals

Visit local business concerns

Possible trips to other parts of Majuro Atoll or
air inspection of nearby atolls at the wish of the
Mission

9 - Majuro to Nauru