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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on NAVAD Saipan ltr A9-3 serial 637 of 9 July 1954

From: Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Quarterly Report (OPNAV Report Symbol 5080-2) period ending 30 June 1954

1. Readdressed and forwarded.

2. The following comments are submitted in connection with the enclosure to the basic letter:

a. II.A. 2b(1) and Addendum A - The reestablishment of the former copra producing village on Anatahan Island is noted with satisfaction. The expansion of the copra producing area will aid materially in the further development of the Saipan District economy. The success of this venture will be followed with interest, and further reports on this project are desired.

b. II.A. 6b. - It is noted that for the first time since the institution of civil administration in July 1947, there are no land claims pending. This goal has been reached after many months of effort and the results reflect the continued attention of the administrator in resolving a problem of primary interest to the Saipanese people. The progress noted here plus the yen redemption program now underway represent long steps toward the ultimate resolution of the total claim problem in the Saipan District.

c. IV.c. - The able functioning of the Saipan Welfare Society is to be commended as evidence of leadership in the assumption of community responsibilities and in the seeking by the Saipanese, of solutions to their own problems.

d. V.c. - Addendum O and P. - The Dikiki Na Leblon Mamatinas - A little cookbook prepared and published by the cooking classes in the 8th and 9th grades is considered excellent. Special notice was also taken of the Chalon Piao Sunset - 1954 School Yearbook as further evidence of fine workmanship. The continued recording and publication of mimeographed reading material in the vernacular language at the lower elementary level is noted with satisfaction. The school staff and the student body deserve high praise for their sincere efforts in improving the school curricula and programs.

e. V. D. - The need for the establishment of a high school on Saipan as outlined in the first endorsement has been noted. By copy of this endorsement the Naval Administrator is requested to review the total requirements for a high school and to prepare the necessary justification and budget information for inclusion in the next fiscal budget. Emphasis in the development of an educational program at the secondary level should be directed primarily in

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vocational directions. Full consideration and weight should be given to the future role high school trained students will play in the community. The economic and social structure of Saipan has limitations in respect to the number of potential college candidates it can support or absorb.

f. VII. A. 4 and 5. - Details in respect to emigration and immigration were not found in Addendum "M" as indicated.

g. VII. E. 4a. - The employment of a sanitation inspector by the municipality of Chalan Kanoa is noted with approval. With the guidance and assistance of the Naval Administrator, this action will be a major step in bringing still closer to home the importance of proper sanitation. It is hoped that other municipalities may soon try to emulate Chalan Kanoa.

h. VII. F. 1 and 3. - The decrease of one in the number of public elementary schools from the seven indicated in the report for 31 March 1954 and the drop in enrollment of 34 students is presumed to be due to the loss of the school at Agrihan during a typhoon. The Naval Administrator by this endorsement is requested to advise if school will be resumed on Agrihan when the regular school year convenes in September 1954.

i. VII. F. 6. - Efforts should be continued to improve the reported condition of 25% of the children coming to school without breakfast. CINCPACFLT fully concurs in the observation that a school day running from 0730 until 1300 is too long a span for youngsters to go without having begun the day with a meal. It is suggested that in addition to the attention given by the school staff, the PTA be asked to take an active part in the correction of this situation.

j. Addendum I. - Executive Order 3: Amendment to Section 771 of the Code of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands insofar as it relates to the Saipan District (less Rota) was approved by CINCPACFLT on 1 July 1954.

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