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Dear Mr. Lausi:

The enclosure to your letter of March 29, 1957, has been reviewed and is believed to be a very desirable and well conceived document.

Although it has been conceived and prepared as the policy of the Department of the Interior for application in the portion of the Trust Territory administered by that department, the statement of policy is believed to be equally applicable to the Saipan District and to represent the policies of the Department of the Navy applicable to that district.

It is therefore suggested that this declaration of policy be issued as a joint declaration and as an expression of the Administering Authority instead of that of the Department of the Interior alone.

Only one change in wording is believed necessary and desirable and that is to change the wording of subparagraph (a)(8) on page 4 to read "freedom of migration and movement subject only to the requirements of public order and security."

Except for the change indicated, and if such procedure is acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior, I am prepared to advocate to the Secretary of the Navy that the "Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Statement of Objectives and Policies" be adopted by him as a joint expression of the policy of the United States as Administering Authority.

Sincerely yours,

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