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TO : OP-21

DATE: 9 April 1957

FROM : OP-215

SUBJECT: Statement of Objectives and Policies

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Encl: (1) OP-215 memo ser 765P21 of 5 Apr 1957

1. By note on enclosure (1) you asked what would be the next step in processing this statement. If Interior concurs, and I feel that they will, we will arrange for processing a joint statement, or a simultaneous issuance of the objectives, by the Secretaries of Navy and Interior.
2. After this has been promulgated we plan to issue additional clarification of programs and tasks, including all support functions for which NAVAD will be responsible and which will be used to justify our budget.

Very respectfully,

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TO : OP-02B

Via : OP-21B

FROM : OP-215

DATE: 5 April 1957

SUBJECT: Statement of Objectives and Policies in Trust Territory Administration

Ref: (a) Dept of Interior, Mr. A. T. Lausi, ltr of 29 Mar 1957

Encl: (1) Proposed letter to Mr. Lausi, Dept of Interior

1. Reference (a) requested our comments on a proposed "Statement of Objectives and Policies" to be promulgated by the Secretary of Interior for guidance of all staff and field personnel. The document is a summary of policies and objectives which have been in effect since the establishment of Navy civil administration in 1947 and continued after the transfer to the Department of Interior in 1951.

2. The principal points of the document are, briefly, as follows:

a. Objectives: Summarizes the objectives set forth in the Trusteeship Agreement.

b. Policies:

(1) Political Advancement: To encourage political advancement, within capabilities of people, with due consideration for differences in local customs and ways of life and for need to train both administrative and political personnel and the general public for gradual assumption of governmental authority and responsibilities.

(2) Economic Advancement: To encourage and educate the people toward maximum economic self-sufficiency by exploitation of available resources and to protect against exploitation by alien interests and to provide a sound foundation for political growth.

(3) General Advancement: To encourage social advancement by adaptation of essential "Western" concepts as necessary, but with due consideration of and respect for local custom and culture.

(a) Civil rights: summarizes those guaranteed by law

(b) Health: insures adequate medical and sanitation programs

(c) Education: Requires elementary education and encourages adult and advanced education

(4) International Peace and Security: Provides that territory shall play its part in maintenance of peace and security and for liaison at all levels with appropriate military commands.

3. The interests of the United States require that all parts of the territory be

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uniformly administered. This document provides an initial statement which, if promulgated in the form of a joint Interior-Navy statement would be evidence of the fact of minimum differences between Navy and Interior administrations.

4. The proposal in enclosure (1) that the statement be issued jointly by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Interior has been discussed with Mr. Yoemans of the Department of the Interior, and he agrees that a joint statement is desirable and that he will sponsor this approach in Interior.

5. No change of policy or procedures is involved.

Very respectfully,


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