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My dear Mr. Secretary:

In regard to my letter of 21 October 1959 relative to the establishment of a single administration for the Northern Marianas section of the Trust Territory, the subject has been reviewed within the Navy Department.

With full appreciation of all the factors set forth in your letter of 3 October 1959, the Navy Department is prepared to transfer administrative responsibility for the Saipan District to the Department of the Interior. In order to develop the details of the transfer, it is suggested that members of our respective staffs meet at the earliest practicable time.

If this meets with your approval, Rear Admiral G. R. Donaho, USN, Assistant Vice Chief of Naval Operations/Director of Naval Administration, is designated as the point of contact for the Navy Department.

Sincerely yours,

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