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Mooting at State Department to discuss pertinent questions raised in Report of Visiting Mission

Encl:

(1) Copy of Agenda

(2) Proposed Memorandum to SECMAV

1. As reported in my memorandum to you of 5 June, a meeting was held at the State Department at 1530 on 6 June. Topics under discussion are outlined in enclosure (1). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Woodpuff Wallner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs. Those attending were:

State Department

Mr. Wallner

Mr. Ben Gerig, Director, Dependent Area Affairs

Interior Department

Assistant Secretary John A. Carver, Jr. Er. Rebert H. Mangan, Special Assistant High Commissioner of the Trust Territory M. Wilfred Goding

United States Representative on the Trusteeship Council

Jonathan Bingham

Other Interested Department

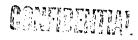
Mr. R. F. Drummond Mr. Matthew Baird

Navy Department

CAPT L. G. Findley

2. Of particular concern to the Navy is the question of "Divided Administration". The writer was asked to review this subject: Executive Orders of 10 November 1952 and 17 July 1953 which transferred the Saipan District (except for the island of Rota) were the starting point; meetings held by representatives of all interested Departments were outlined, climaxed by an exchange of

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correspondence in the fail of 1959 between the Secretary of the Interior and the Under Secretary of the Navy in which Mr. Banta advised Secretary Seaton (OP-09B25 Serial 3631F09B2 of 17 December 1959) that "... the Navy Department is prepared to transfer administrative responsibility for the Saipan District to the Department of the Interior." Following an inspection of the facilities on Saipan by the former was taken by Davy.

- 3. Representatives from the other Governmental Departments stated that they would prefer to have the status que was tained under Navy. They could, and would, continue excession under laterier's administration of the Saipan District -- provided NTTU was retained with necessary details handled as Guan (COMMANIANAS).
- 4. Carver then brought up the suggestion that he have been accorded assume more responsibility in administering the whole trust Territory. His proposal is that the Navy take over logistic support of the entire Trust Territory both surface. I asked if he had in mind a joint administration between Navy and Interior and if so that this had been between Navy and Interior reads in part ".... it is agreed the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall become independent of Navy installations as rapidly appracticable."

The aircraft used by the High Commissioner, flown under comtract with PANAN, are old and should be replaced. Interior recently tried to do this but were unsuccessful. The AKL's turned over to Interior in 1951 are reported to be in poor operating condition. Logistic support in the Trust Terminory is the most difficult part of the administration of the administration. It is a woll known fact that Interior has been having differently in keeping the supply lines open in the Marshalls and Cambo land. Secretary Carver stated that they were not going to live were the mistakes that had been made in the past but rather would request additional Navy support in the fields of logistic support and possibly communications. I mentioned that the time a recommendation had been made to have the medical above turned over to the U. S. Public Health Service. In sum, that High Commissioner, Deputy High Commissioner, Legal, Mconomies, Education and Scientific fields would be Interior employees and Logistics and possibly Communications would be handled by the Navy.

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5. As there is a strong possibility that a letter may come to SECHAY from SECINTERIOR recommending this merging of administrative chores in the near future. I have prepared enclosure (2) for your consideration.

6. Other items on the Agenda deal principally with Interior and State. Mr. Bingham stated that he would answer questions dealing with political and U. S. policy while ones concerned administrative matters would be answered by Mr. Nucker or for. Goding - the Special U. S. Representatives.

Very respectfully,

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