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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : RADM Donaho *GD*

DATE: 11 July 1961

FROM : CAPT Findley

Via: CAPT Moncure *M*

SUBJECT: Transfer of Administration Responsibility, Saipan District

Encl: (1) COMNAVMARIANAS Conf msg 110055Z
 (2) Proposed msg to COMNAVMARIANAS

1. Enclosure (1) referred to High Commissioner's closing statement to the U. N. Trusteeship Council regarding transfer of the Administration of the Saipan District to Interior. As COMNAVMARIANAS will visit Saipan on 13 July accompanied by the Chief of Staff CINCPACFLT, Navy's position as to plans of transfer is requested.

2. Mr. Goding's statement was as follows:

"The United States Delegation has also been glad to hear the views of the Visiting Mission and members of the Council with respect to the desirability of unifying the administration of the entire Territory under the High Commissioner. As we have already stated to the Council, this matter has been receiving most careful attention at the highest level of our government and I can now further say that the Departments concerned are agreed in principle that the Administration of the Territory be unified. The detailed steps for bringing about this unified administration are now in process of being worked out."

3. Other than the exchange of letters between SECINTERIOR and SECNAV no further action has been taken. A call to the Department of the Interior last Friday, and in conversation's with Mr. George Milner and Mr. Robert Coote (both of whom are enroute to Guam and TERPACIS) revealed the fact the matter is being considered in Interior. For the moment at least, I consider it to be on "dead center."

4. Enclosure (2), recommended for your signature, informs COMNAVMARIANAS and CINCPACFLT that the Navy's position remains unchanged and ~~how~~ matters stand at present.

Very respectfully,

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