

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : OP-09B *600* Op-09B22C/flf
DATE: 5 OCT 1961

FROM : OP-09B22

VIA : OP-09B2 *m*

SUBJECT: Transfer of Administration of the Saipan District

Ref: (a) Memo of 18 July 1961

Encl: (1) CNO msg 132109Z of Nov 1952
 (2) CINCPACFLT Ser 8154 of 5 Dec 1952
 (3) CNO ltr Ser 4280P21 of 11 Dec 1952
 (4) SECNAV ltr Ser 507P21 of 28 Jan 1953 to SECINTERIOR
 (5) SECINTERIOR ltr of 22 Oct 1953
 (6) CNO ltr Ser 4661P21 of 4 Dec 1953

1. Mr. Taitano, Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, called on 3 October regarding the status of the Saipan transfer. He advised that Interior hoped to complete their discussions with NTTU representatives this week. While not so stating he implied that few if any problems still required resolution. On the assumption this phase will be successfully concluded, Mr. Taitano stated he would get in touch with you sometime next week to resume work on the transfer of administration.

2. As a preliminary to this meeting for next week I am attaching materials covering the step-by-step procedures followed in setting up the transfer from Interior in 1952-53.

a. Enclosure (1) publishing Executive Order to CINCPACFLT. Interior has previously agreed to prepare the necessary Executive Order cancelling Executive Orders 10408 and 10470 covering the present naval administration of Saipan, reference (a), paragraph 4. Enclosure (1) also requested CINCPACFLT to begin discussions with the High Commissioner in implementation of the transfer and development of a draft agreement along the same lines of a previous transfer.

b. Enclosure (2) submission by CINCPACFLT of a proposed draft agreement.

c. Enclosure (3) solicitation by CNO of comments on the draft agreement from interested OP's and Bureaus.

d. Enclosure (4) forwarding of draft agreement to SECINTERIOR for approval and acceptance..

e. Enclosure (5) approval and acceptance by SECINTERIOR with modifications.

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f. Enclosure (6) promulgation and distribution of transfer agreement to interested OP's, Bureaus and Commands.

3. When the actual transfer of administration has been agreed upon a notice disestablishing the Naval Administration Unit, Saipan at a specific date will be issued.

Very respectfully,



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Commander, USN