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VIA: RADM Donaho
CAPT Oliver
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Transfer of the Administration for the Saipan District

ENCL: (1) Mr. Richard F. Taitano's letter to RADM Donaho dated 18 Dec 1961
(2) CNO's Conf msg 202253Z to CINCPACFLT and COMNAVMARIANAS
(3) CINCPACFLT Conf msg 220107Z to CNO
(4) COMNAVMARIANAS Conf msg 220033Z to CINCPACFLT info CNO
(5) Proposed reply to Mr. Taitano

1. Enclosure (1) requested your review and suggestions to an enclosed draft press release tentatively announcing the transfer date for the administration of the Saipan District as 1 July 1962. Official announcement of this date is what we have been striving to obtain from Interior since July.
2. Enclosure (2) briefed the contents of the draft and requested CINCPACFLT's concurrence or comments. COMNAVMARIANAS was an info addressee.
3. By enclosure (3) CINCPACFLT concurred in the procedures set forth in CNO's msg, enclosure (2). So did COMNAVMARIANAS who also added that Interior should consider whether or not they wish to make an announcement at this time as to moving the High Commissioners' headquarters from Guam to Saipan, enclosure (4). Interior does not - at this time!
4. Enclosure (5) concurring in the proposed draft, is submitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

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