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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

IN REPLY REFER TO

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My dear Mr. Taitano:

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 1961 enclosing a proposed press release announcing the transfer date for the Administration of the Saipan District to the Department of the Interior.

The draft, which tentatively sets the transfer date for 1 July 1962, is concurred in.

Sincerely yours,

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