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- A. COMNAVMARIANAS 090139Z NOTAL
- 1. CONCUR TEXT PROPOSED RELEASE SUBJECT FOLLOWING REMARKS:
- (A) RECOMMEND DELETE WORD TENTATIVELY IN FIRST PARA. CONSIDER IF PROPOSED DATE FOR TRANSFER CANNOT BE MET LATER ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTPONEMENT WOULD ENGENDER LESS SPECULATION THAN EQUIVOCAL FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT.
- (B) RECOMMEND INCLUSION IN PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT GENERAL STATEMENT OF POSITIVE BENEFITS NAVAL ADMINISTRATION. SUGGEST FOLLOWING PARA APPROPRIATE:

QUOTE THE SAIPAN DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. NAVY SINCE JAN 1, 1953. UNDER NAVAL SUPERVISION THE 8500 NATIVE INHABITANTS HAVE BECOME LARGELY SELF-SUFFICIENT, EXPORTING BEEF AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. DURING THE MOST RECENT INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT BY MEMBERS OF THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN FEB 1961 THE NAVY WAS PRAISED FOR ITS ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR THE ISLANDERS. UNQUUIE

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