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Rear Admiral G. R. Donaho  
Director, Naval Administration  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Donaho:

Enclosed for your review and comments are copies of a draft executive order transferring the Saipan District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to the Secretary of the Interior.

We appreciate that the executive order will be supported by a Navy-Interior agreement and we hope that Admiral Coye and High Commissioner Goding will soon be able to work out the basics of such an agreement. However, we feel that the executive order should be kept as simple as possible and should be forwarded for signature as soon as possible. Hence, we have prepared a draft which revokes Executive Orders Numbered 10408 and 10470 and extends again to the Saipan District the provisions of Executive Order No. 10265.

We have requested the views of the High Commissioner on the draft, as well as the comments of the Solicitor of this Department. We should also appreciate having your comments and suggestions regarding it.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Kirwan  
Acting Director

Enclosures