



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF TERRITORIES

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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,

(Sgd.) John J. Kirwan

John J. Kirwan
Acting Director

Enclosures

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (hereinafter referred to as the Trust Territory) was transferred to the Secretary of the Interior by Executive Order No. 10265 of June 29, 1951; and

WHEREAS Executive Order No. 10408 of November 10, 1952, and Executive Order No. 10470 of July 17, 1953, transferred the administration of the Northern Marianas Islands, except for the island of Rota, to the Secretary of the Navy; and

WHEREAS the administration of all of the Trust Territory by the Secretary of the Interior appears to be in the public interest;

AND, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

1. The administration of the Northern Marianas Islands is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer to become effective on July 1, 1962.

2. Effective July 1, 1962, the provisions of the said Executive Order No. 10265 of June 29, 1951, shall be extended to the Northern Marianas and the laws and regulations which have been promulgated thereunder shall become fully applicable in the Northern Marianas.

3. The executive departments and agencies of the Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Department of the Interior and the Navy in the effectuation of the provisions of this order.

4. The said Executive Order No. 10469 of November 10, 1952, and the said Executive Order No. 10470 of July 17, 1953, are revoked, effective July 1, 1962.