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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii -- Transfer of the Saipan District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to the Secretary of the Interior has been set for July 1, 1962, High Commissioner M. W. Goding and Rear Admiral John S. Coye, Jr., announced today.

The reestablishment of civilian administration follows a careful review of the overall administration of the Trust Territory by the Navy and Interior Departments and is in accordance with a statement given the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations in June 1961.

At that time High Commissioner Goding stated: "The United States delegation has also been glad to hear the views of the visiting mission and members of the council with respect to the desirability of unifying the administration of the entire Territory under the high commissioner. As we have already stated to the council, this matter has been receiving most careful attention at the highest level of our government and I can now further say that the departments concerned are agreed in principle that the administration of the Territory should be unified. The detailed steps for bringing about this unified administration are now in process of being worked out."

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