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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Saipan Transfer

1. At 1330 this date a conference was held in RADM Donaho's office to discuss details of subject. Those attending were:

Agency

Mr. William Vance, Far East Support
Mr. W. F. E. Cabanniss, Deputy Chief, Real Estate and
Construction
COL G. L. Crawford, Logistic Plans

Interior

Mr. Delmas H. Nucker
Mr. George Milner

Navy

RADM Donaho
CAPT Oliver
CAPT Findley
CDR Herrick

2. At the outset, CAPT Findley briefly reviewed what had been discussed during the meeting with the representatives from the Agency on 4 January.

3. Mr. Vance pointed out that for security reasons they wanted Navy to absorb the NTTU plant account and make the transfer of the two units -- NAVAD and NTTU -- to Interior. All equipment at NTTU would be written off for transfer except some new vehicles and refrigerators.

4. Mr. Nucker reported at length that the High Commissioner could use all of the equipment, if not at headquarters, at other DISTAD centers in the Carolines or in the Marshalls. In answer to a direct question Mr. Nucker stated that the High Commissioner had been informed that he would move his headquarters from Guam to Saipan and take over such buildings as he could, effective date to be 1 July 1962. Problems that Interior would face by moving to Saipan were mentioned by Mr. Nucker. These included communications, transportation (surface and the berthing of PFE Line ships in Tanapag Harbor), operating a commissary and a PX.

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5. Colonel Crawford said that their people at NTTU would be instructed to deal with the High Commissioner and COMNAVMARIANAS on transfer matters. Also an inventory of all materials for disposition would be forwarded to the Agency.

6. RADM Donaho advised those present that CNO is directing CINCPACFLT and COMNAVMARIANAS to deal direct with the High Commissioner. The agreement reached between Navy, Interior and others concerned in the Pacific will be forwarded to CNO for approval.

7. OP-09B22 is now working with OP-09B1C as to the proper procedure to effect the transfer of the plant account of NTTU to Interior.

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