

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am forwarding herewith a draft of a proposed agreement between the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior with respect to the transfer of responsibility for the administration of that portion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands referred to as the Saipan District. The original draft was prepared jointly between Commander in Chief, Naval Forces Marianas and the High Commissioner. A number of points of difference were noted for resolution on the departmental level. The draft was revised in the Navy Department with the participation of representatives of the Department of the Interior, Office of Territories, and as now forwarded represents the views of my Department on the specific areas covered by the agreement as reconciled with the views of your representatives.

I would appreciate your early consideration and approval of this draft in order that the resulting agreement may be forwarded for implementation prior to July 1, 1962.

Sincerely yours,

(egg) John A. Carver, M.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Fred Korth Secretary of the Navy Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosures