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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Security Policy for Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific

The Department of Defense has been requested to look into the security policies and practices presently in force on Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In particular, the question has been raised whether the present security program which is administered by the Department of the Navy is appropriate under the circumstances inasmuch as it is alleged to impede the economic growth and development of these areas.

I understand that this subject has been reviewed recently by the Navy and that no change in the present security program has been recommended.

In an effort to develop information bearing upon this matter, I am requesting the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Policy to go to Guam and Saipan to look into the matter. The cooperation of the Department of the Navy with the Deputy and his party would be appreciated.

I am informed that this visit has been discussed with Secretary Wakelin and that he in turn brought it to the attention of Vice Admiral Ricketts.

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