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Navy



Memorandum for: THE PRESIDENT

In my memorandum of 11 August 1945 recommending that the pre-war form of naval government of Guam be continued and extended to the Marianas, which you approved on 14 August, I suggested the desirability of placing under naval government not only the Marianas but also all islands taken from the Japanese and placed under U.S. control for strategic reasons exclusive of the Philippines. To make this last suggestion more specific I now recommend for your approval the following:

That the following additional areas be assigned to the Navy for administration on the same basis as the Marianas:

- The Marshall Islands
 - The Caroline Islands
 - The Volcano Islands
 - The Bonin Islands
 - Marcus Island
- } *x.w.c.*

That naval jurisdiction over Wake, Midway and Samoa be continued in accordance with existing executive orders applicable in each case.

That the Ryukyus ^{*x.w.c.*} be administered by a U. S. agency other than the Navy Department but that certain areas within the Ryukyus, as to which, specific recommendations will be made by the Navy Department hereafter, be set aside as Naval Reservations.

Respectfully,

James Forrestal

Approved: - As an interim arrangement pending study and recommendation by the State, War and Navy Departments.

Sgt Truman 24 Sept

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