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My dear Mr. President:

While I was in London, the Acting Secretary wrote a letter to you, dated September 28, 1945, referring again to the problem of Pacific islands administration and proposing that the Department participate in discussion of this problem with the Departments of State, War and Navy.

For the reasons outlined in that letter, as well as in my letter of September 12, I hope that the proposal has your approval. Believing that you will wish to secure all that the various Departments can contribute to a single United States policy, I offer the suggestion that a joint expert group representing the four Departments visit the Pacific islands for the purpose of preparing for you a detailed plan for interim administration, pending decisions and agreements concerning future disposition and administration of the islands. The joint group, I feel, should also submit to you general recommendations looking toward the later administration of those islands which may remain, or be placed, under United States supervision.

I therefore request your approval for the formation of the joint expert group and suggest that the four Departments be notified accordingly.



Sincerely yours,

*Harold L. Ickes*

Secretary of the Interior.

The President,  
The White House.

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October , 1945.

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