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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Strategic Areas and
Trusteeships in the
Pacific

At the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, forwarded through the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee, there is enclosed a brief statement of the Joint Chiefs' views in regard to Japanese and Japanese Mandated Islands in the Pacific. For your background information there is also enclosed the Joint Chiefs of Staff study upon which these views are based, together with a State Department study on the same subject. It will be noted that the latter differs from the former in that it recommends trusteeship rather than United States assumption of sovereignty over the Japanese Mandated Islands and recommends against the retention of United States bases in the Nansei Shoto (Ryukyus). These conflicting views are now being actively considered by the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee and I shall, of course, submit the Committee's recommendations to you as soon as they are forthcoming.

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum.
2. SWNCC 59/1.
3. SWNCC 59/2.

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The Joint Chiefs of Staff have further considered from a military point of view the position of the United States in respect to United Nations trusteeships in the Pacific. They reaffirm their previous determination that vital security interests require permanent retention by the United States of exclusive strategic control of the Japanese Mandated Islands, Marcus Island, and parts of the Nansei Shoto - Nanpo Shoto. There is appended hereto a tabulation (Appendix "A") containing detailed data on the areas under consideration.

In respect to the Japanese Mandated Islands, from a military point of view, the United States should assert and retain exclusive sovereignty over that territory.

In respect to Marcus Island and designated parts of the Nansei Shoto - Nanpo Shoto, the terms of a trusteeship should include the following provisions, of which any compromise would impair the security of the United States and its possessions:

- a. The United States to be the sole administering authority.
- b. The entire trusteeship to be designated as a strategic area.

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c. No limitation to be placed on the utilization of all or any part of the area for U.S. security purposes.

d. U.S. right to exclude any areas utilized for military purposes from inspection by or report to the United Nations (UN) or any of its agencies.



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APPENDIX "A"

I. MANDATED TERRITORIES IN THE PACIFIC

<u>Area</u>	<u>Included Territories</u>	<u>Mandatory</u>
<u>New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago</u>	N.E. New Guinea Admiralty Islands Bismarck Archipelago Green Islands Buka Bougainville Tauu Nukumaru	Australia ("His Britannic Majesty for and on behalf of the Government of Australia" --- Art. I, League of Nations Document, 21/31/14C)

<u>Central Pacific</u>	Marianas Islands (less Guam) Palau Islands Caroline Islands Marshall Islands	Japan ("His Majesty the Emperor of Japan" --- League of Nations Document, 21/31/14E)

<u>Nauru</u>	Nauru Island	Britain ("His Britannic Majesty" --- League of Nations Document, 21/31/14A) (Administered by Australia by British Commonwealth Agreement)

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Included Territories</u>	<u>Mandatory</u>
<u>Western Samoa</u> ("Former German Colony of Samoa"--- League of Nations Document, 21/31/14B)	Savaii Island Upolu Island	New Zealand ("His Britannic Majesty for and on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand"--- League of Nations Document, 21/31/14B)

II. AREAS TO BE DETACHED FROM JAPAN

(Paragraph 8 of the Potsdam Declaration of 26 July 1945.)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Included Territories</u>	<u>Captured from Japan and now occupied by</u>
<u>Nansei Shoto</u>	All islands in the chain between Kyushu, south of 31° N. Lat., and Formosa, including Borodini Gunto and Okino-Daito Shima	United States
<u>Nanpo Shoto</u>	All islands in the chain between Honshu and the Marianas, comprising the Izu Islands, the Ogosawera Gunto, and the Kazan Retto, to include Parece Vela	United States
<u>Marcus Island</u>		United States
<u>Kurile Islands</u>	All islands in the chain between Hokkaido and the Kamchatka Peninsula	U.S.S.R.

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Included Territories</u>	<u>Captured from Japan and now occupied by</u>
<u>Karafuto</u>		U.S.S.R.

<u>Formosa</u>		China (U.S.assisted)