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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State

FROM:



The President

There has recently been forwarded to me a copy of a Joint Resolution adopted by the Guam Congress petitioning the Congress of the United States to grant United States citizenship to the citizens of Guam, and to enact an organic law for the government of Guam.

In this connection it will be recalled that on October 20, 1945, I appointed a committee consisting of the Secretaries of State, War, Navy, and Interior, to make recommendations concerning the administration of the Pacific Islands. After a preliminary consideration of this matter by the committee, it seemed advisable that its report should be postponed pending a determination of the status of occupied Japanese Islands. I understand that in the meantime some of the departments represented on the committee have been giving study to the problems involved.

Now that the United Nations has approved a trusteeship agreement designating the United States as the administering authority for the former Japanese Islands, it appears appropriate that the four departments represented on the committee appointed October 20, 1945, should give joint consideration to the problems relating to the administration of the Pacific Islands. Consequently, I request that you reconvene the committee for the purpose of giving further consideration to these problems and making appropriate recommendations with respect thereto.

I am sending copies of this memorandum to the Secretaries of War, Navy, and Interior.

