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From: The President



Almost two years ago I asked the Department of State, War, Navy and Interior to make recommendations to me for the purpose of implementing a Civil Government in the Pacific Islands which we then held and which we proposed to take over. x 85-L

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I have a memorandum from the Secretary of the Interior. I have no report from the Cabinet Committee and no further information on the subject, except a recommendation which was published in the Sunday New York Times by a Civilian Committee, which the Navy had asked to make a survey.

I'd like very much to have the Cabinet Committee get together and coordinate a plan to present to me.

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It is particularly necessary that we implement a Civil Government in Guam, at least with the privileges that are now obtained in Puerto Rico, and a survey should be made of all the other Islands which we have under our control for the purpose of giving the native populations the best Civil Government possible.

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