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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. John R. Steelman

FROM: J. Donald Kingsley *JK*

SUBJECT: Secretary Krug's Report to the President on the Pacific Islands

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This impresses me as an interesting and valuable report and one which argues for what is probably the only sound policy in the long run. It seems to me that the only question which can arise over military versus civilian control over the Pacific Islands is one of timing and that -- even though this is probably not the time to institute civil government -- there would be advantage in publicizing the fact that the Administration is considering the possibility.

I would favor publication of Cap's report, perhaps linking its release to the reactivating of the Interdepartmental Committee and referring it to them for further study.

*JK's report to return to the President.*

