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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Charles Murphy  
The White House

SUBJECT: Pacific Islands

The following information concerning recent developments with regard to the Pacific Islands may be of interest to you.

The two bills introduced by Bradley (California) in the House on May 21 (H.R. 3563 and 3564) consist of organic acts for Guam and Samoa and are almost identical with the draft organic acts prepared by the Hopkins Committee (Navy).

A draft memorandum prepared by General Marshall summarizing the conversation held by the Secretaries of State, War, Navy and Interior on May 16 has been revised after suggestions by Interior. It will be considered at a second meeting of the four Secretaries on Monday, May 26, and presumably will then go to the President.

At the same time, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Davidson and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Kenney will be testifying at Committee hearings on existing bills dealing with Guam. The two Assistant Secretaries, I believe, have been conferring in advance of this testimony. It is unfortunate that the memorandum from the Secretary of State could not have reached the White House in advance of this testimony, but substantial agreement seems to have been attained so that formal registration of that agreement may not be vital.



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