

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to your request, the Secretaries of State, War, Navy, and Interior have held several meetings and have agreed upon the following course of action:

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1. Separate organic legislation for Guam to provide civil government and to grant citizenship, a bill of rights, and legislative powers to Guamanians should be enacted this session. In recent hearings on such organic legislation, the Departments have recommended the transfer of administration from the Navy Department to a civilian agency designated by the President at the earliest practicable date, the exact date to be determined by the President.
2. Organic legislation for American Samoa, providing civil government and granting citizenship, a bill of rights, and legislative powers, should be prepared by the Navy and Interior Departments and presented to the next session of Congress.
3. Suggestions for organic legislation for those Pacific Islands placed under United States trusteeship are in preparation by the Department of State for presentation to Congress, provided favorable Congressional action is taken on the Trusteeship Agreement to be shortly presented for approval.
4. The Navy Department should continue to have administrative responsibility for Guam and American Samoa on an interim basis pending the transfer to a civilian agency of the government at the earliest practicable date,

such date

The President,

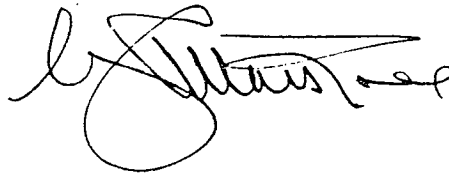
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such date to be determined by the President. With respect to the trust territory, a similar transfer should be effected by the President at the earliest practicable date.

5. Provided Congress acts favorably on the Trusteeship Agreement, an Executive Order should be issued when the Agreement enters into force, terminating military government in the Trust Territory and delegating civil administration to the Navy Department on an interim basis, subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph 4.

Faithfully yours,



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