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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Pacific Islands Formerly Mandated to Japan

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There is attached a letter from the Secretary of State recommending that the Congress be requested to enact legislation authorizing the President to accept the Trusteeship Agreement proposed by this Government and approved by the United Nations Security Council, whereby the United States is designated as administering authority for the Pacific islands formerly mandated to Japan. There is also attached the draft of a proposed message to Congress, together with a copy of the Trusteeship Agreement, a memorandum concerning the Trusteeship Agreement negotiations, and a draft press release.

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A confidential memorandum from the Secretary of State is also attached dealing with the method of Congressional action.

I recommend the submission of this message to the Congress, accompanied by the letter from the Secretary of State, the Trusteeship Agreement and the explanatory memorandum.

James E. Webb
Director
Bureau of the Budget

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Attachments - 5.

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WASHINGTON



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July 2, 1947



My dear Mr. Webb:

I transmit herewith for consideration and approval by the Bureau of the Budget a draft of a proposed Message from the President to the Congress concerning the approval by the United States and thereby the bringing into force of the Trusteeship Agreement, approved by the Security Council of the United Nations on April 2, 1947, for the Territory of the Pacific Islands formerly mandated to Japan. Attached to the draft Message is my letter to the President enclosing for information a copy of the approved Trusteeship Agreement and a memorandum with reference to its negotiation in the Security Council. I have also attached a memorandum for the President concerning the form of approval of the Trusteeship Agreement which should not go forward to the Congress.

The attached papers were submitted to, and approved by, the ~~Ad Hoc Working Committee~~, representing the State, War, and Navy Departments, which prepared the documentation for the presentation of the United States draft Trusteeship Agreement to the Security Council. x25
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There is also enclosed herewith a draft of a statement which the President may wish to make on the day he submits his Message to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable
James E. Webb,
Director, Bureau of the Budget.



Enclosures:

1. Confidential Memorandum for the President.
2. Draft Message by the President.
3. Letter by the Secretary of State to the President with 2 enclosures.
4. Draft White House Press Release.

The United States has a long and distinguished record in the field of international relations. It is a country which has always been a leader in the world. The United States has a great future ahead of it. It is a country which has always been a leader in the world. The United States has a great future ahead of it. It is a country which has always been a leader in the world. The United States has a great future ahead of it.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
July 2, 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT



Subject: Form of Approval of
Trusteeship Agreement

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has given consideration to the question whether it would be preferable for the underlying Trusteeship Agreement to be submitted for approval by the treaty process or by a joint resolution. The Committee has concluded that this question should be left to the discretion of the President.

Either method of approval is constitutionally permissible. The resulting agreement will have the same effect internationally and under the supremacy clause of the Constitution whether the treaty process or the joint resolution method is employed.

The Department is of the opinion that the joint resolution procedure is more desirable in this case. I recommend, therefore, that you sign the attached message to the Congress which advises that because of the interest of both Houses in the execution of the Agreement you think it would be appropriate for the Congress, in this instance, to take action by a joint resolution in authorizing this Government to bring the Agreement into effect.

Enclosures:

To the Congress
of the United States
with enclosures.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "C. A. Wick" or similar, written over a horizontal line.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (F)

Dept. of State letter, Aug. 9, 1973

By NLT-4, NARS Date 1-15-76

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

I wish to recommend to the Congress action enabling this Government to approve the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of the Pacific Islands which was approved unanimously by the Security Council of the United Nations on April 2, 1947. There is attached a letter from the Secretary of State enclosing a copy of the Trusteeship Agreement and a memorandum with reference to its negotiation in the Security Council.

The Trusteeship Agreement was proposed by the United States to the Security Council and approved by the Council with certain changes which were acceptable to the United States Government. Its terms are in conformity with the policy of this Government and with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations. The terms of the Agreement make ample provision for the political, economic, social, and educational development

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of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory, and at the same time fully protect the security interests of the United States.

The United States has taken an active role from the beginning in the establishment of the trusteeship system of the United Nations. I believe, therefore, that it would be only fitting, as well as in the interest of the inhabitants of the islands, that the Trusteeship Agreement should be brought into force as soon as possible.

I have given special consideration to whether the attached Trusteeship Agreement should be submitted to the Congress for action by a joint resolution or by the treaty process. I am satisfied that either method is constitutionally permissible and that the agreement resulting will be of the same effect internationally and under the supremacy clause of the Constitution whether advised and consented to by the Senate or whether approval is authorized by a joint resolution.

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The interest of both Houses of Congress in the execution of this Agreement is such, however, that I think it would be appropriate for the Congress, in this instance, to

take action by a joint resolution in authorizing this Government to bring the Agreement into effect. I hope that the Congress may give early consideration to this matter.



Enclosure:
Letter from the Secretary of State with two enclosures.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
JUL 3 1947