

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20 February 1948

The President


The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Reference is made to your letter of February 11, 1948, in which you make known your decision with respect to civil administration of Guam, Samoa, and the Pacific islands under United States trusteeship.

In accordance with your directive that the Department of the Interior should take over administrative responsibility from the Department of the Navy at the earliest practicable date after approval of organic legislation for the islands, I have arranged for the fullest cooperation of interested Army Commanders with the Navy.

Respectfully yours,


Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army