

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter to the President transmitting the resolution of the General Assembly of American Samoa and also for your letter summarizing your views concerning the plans for the administration of Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory.

By direction of the President, I requested representatives of the Secretaries of State, Army, Navy and Interior to consider the petition and other factors which might require reconsideration of the President's program as outlined in his communication of June 19, 1947, to the Congress and his letters of February 11, 1948, to the Departments concerned. This program was based on the unanimous recommendations of the Secretaries of State, Army, Navy and Interior.

It was unanimously agreed that no change should be made in the President's program. It was further recommended that organic legislation should be submitted to the Congress at this session. This would apply to American Samoa and the Trust Territory only, as legislation with respect to Guam was submitted at the last session.

It was further suggested that, since action is improbable at this session, Congress should be urged to pass the pending concurrent resolution providing for Congressional study of the needs of the Islands and their administration. This should be done immediately after the proposed legislation has been submitted, thus looking toward the enactment of appropriate organic legislation at the next session.

The above recommendations appear to constitute a sound program. I understand that the proposed organic legislation for American Samoa is now being expedited in your Department for immediate clearance with the Bureau of the Budget.

sincerely,

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Honorable John L. Sullivan
The Secretary of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

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April 24, 1948.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to acknowledge the memorandum from Acting Secretary of State Lovett, transmitting a copy of his letter of April 14, 1948, to the Secretary of the Navy, commenting on the President's program with respect to Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory.

I am attaching for your information a copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Navy on the same subject.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN R. STEELMAN
Assistant to the President

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State. x20

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April 24, 1948.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am sending to you for your information the attached copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Navy relative to the President's program for the administration of Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN R. STEELMAN
Assistant to the President

The Honorable,
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