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My dear Mr. President:

Immediate steps are being taken to implement the directive contained in your letter of May 14, 1949, with respect to the transfer of administrative responsibility for Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands from the Navy Department to the Department of the Interior.

I am confident that with the cooperation of the Navy and adequate financial support from the Congress, an orderly transfer can be effected in each of the island areas within the time limits suggested in your letter.

Your decision to proceed with the transfer regardless of the status of pending legislation and the guidance which you have given with respect to target dates for the transfer will greatly expedite the planning and execution of the transfer.

Sincerely yours,

*J. H. King*  
Secretary of the Interior.

The President,

The White House.

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