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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Memorandum of Understanding Between the Navy Department and  
the Department of the Interior Regarding the Transfer of  
Administrative Responsibility for Guam

1. The President should designate the future civilian Governor of Guam as soon as possible. Interior's selection for civilian Governor should be nominated by the Secretary of the Navy through the Secretary of Defense.
2. The civilian Governor should assume office on or about September 1, 1949, and from that date until the transfer date should be responsible to the Secretary of the Navy.
3. The civilian Governor, with Interior's assistance, should immediately after his designation commence recruiting civilians to replace naval personnel. The Navy Department will process the appointments and arrange for the transportation of civilian replacements.
4. Responsibility for the Government of Guam should be transferred from Navy to Interior on July 1, 1950, and from that date forward the Governor should be responsible to the Secretary of the Interior.
5. Naval military personnel on duty with the Guam Government will, except as otherwise agreed upon in individual cases, be detached from that duty on the transfer date, or earlier if requested by the Governor, provided that the foregoing shall not affect normal rotation of duty in individual cases. If any services are required to be performed by naval units to the Guam Government after July 1, 1950, such services will be the subject of separate agreements.
6. Naval civilian personnel whom the Governor does not wish to retain will, by July 1, 1950, be reassigned to other duty or dismissed, as the Navy determines.

7. Specific arrangements with respect to the transfer of property now owned by the United States and used by the Naval Government of Guam will be the subject of separate agreements. These arrangements will be consistent with policies relating to property transfer set forth in the draft organic act for Guam recommended by the Interior and Navy Departments to the 81st Congress.
8. Interior will submit a supplemental budget request for fiscal 1950 to cover salaries and transportation of civilian replacements of naval personnel and other costs incidental to the transfer.
9. The two Departments will cooperate closely with each other at each stage of the transfer process, making available to one another information, facilities, and personal and other services to the fullest extent practicable in order to ensure an orderly transfer.

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