

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Interior-Navy Agreement on Transfer of Administrative Responsibilities for Samoa and the Trust Territory

Attached are drafts of two letters to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, approving the memoranda of understanding between them on the transfer of administration of Samoa and the Trust Territory. Your signature on these letters is recommended.

These agreements are consistent with a previous agreement on Guam approved by you. The only significant variation is a provision for agreement on transportation for the Trust Territory. It is proposed that the two departments will develop recommendations for transportation for the Trust Territory by other than the Navy to be submitted for your approval by May 1, 1950. The agreements firmly commit both sides to the policy and time of transfer desired and permit the two departments to move ahead. At the same time, it leaves you entirely free in deciding upon ultimate arrangements for transportation.

Your approval of the memoranda of understanding is therefore recommended.

Not Used

Director

Attachments