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Memorandum

To: Director, Division of Territories
From: The Secretary
Subject: Approval of appointments to positions in the Pacific Islands

I understand that before the Navy will process the appointment of any civilian to a position in the Guam, American Samoa, or Trust Territory Governments, the person must be recommended by letter from this Department.

It is my desire that the most qualified persons available be recommended for positions in these island governments. The Division of Territories should canvass all potential candidates and see that Governor Kinner and the other civilian Governors when appointed, have an adequate number of qualified candidates from which to make selections. The Governors should not, of course, be limited in their selections to candidates suggested by the Division. The Governors should make their selections known to the Division of Territories which will have responsibility for preparing the necessary papers for transmittal to the Navy. In order to ensure that the principal officers in the islands' governments have qualifications meriting departmental endorsement, it is requested that you secure the approval of the Secretary or his designated representative before forwarding any recommendation to the Navy, or before any commitment is made regarding a Civil Service or other Federal position, in the same manner and extent which governs the appointment of personnel to the Division of Territories. I believe this procedure conforms in general with present policy with respect to other territories and possessions.

(Sgd.) Oscar L. Chapman
Secretary of the Interior.