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FOREWORD

This report was prepared by a group which was organized by the Department of the Interior in consultation with the Department of the Navy to make a survey of the means of establishing civilian transportation services in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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A painstaking effort has been made to present the facts regarding present naval operations as accurately as possible, on the basis of data made available by officials of the territorial government and of observations of the group in the area. The survey group assumes full responsibility for the accuracy of its observations and interpretations. The views expressed are those of the members of the group and not necessarily those of the agencies they represent.

It is the earnest hope of members of the group that this report will be of assistance to the Federal Government in devising a civilian transportation system which not only serves the needs of the Government, but also satisfies the economic and human needs of the island peoples, for whom the group acquired a deep feeling of respect and of regard for their welfare.