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My dear Mr. Secretary:

By letter of 1 June 1950 you have submitted a plan prepared jointly by the Departments of the Interior and Navy for providing certain transportation services in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands upon transfer of the administrative responsibility for this Territory to the Department of Interior on 1 July 1951. This plan is approved, and the Departments of the Navy and Interior are directed to proceed with its implementation. The Departments of Interior and the Navy are authorized to conclude with other agencies of the Government such arrangements as may be necessary to implement the plan. x173

I note that the plan includes a provision that should it be apparent prior to 1 November 1950 that a civilian transportation service cannot supply essential requirements in the Trust Territory by 1 July 1951, a report of this fact will be made to me, together with a recommendation of a date subsequent to 1 July 1951 for the transfer of administrative responsibility of the Trust Territory.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HARRY S. TRUMAN

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