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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary Doty
From: Dan H. Wheeler, Acting Director

As Mr. Sady told you on the phone, Captain Randolph, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Island Governments, has made repeated inquiries regarding the appointment of the Governor of American Samoa and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. Captain Randolph advises that the present Governor of Samoa, Captain Darden, may be assigned to duty elsewhere and it is therefore urgent that the position be filled as soon as possible. Captain Randolph also points out that it would be desirable for the civilian High Commissioner to review the bids for civilian sea and air transportation services which have been drawn up by the Navy Department and which are under review here in the Division.

I know the Secretary is extremely busy and has been devoting a large part of his time to advancing our program in the territories. I hope, however, you will impress upon him the need for clearing candidates for these positions. The High Commissioner of the Trust Territory in particular will need all the time that remains until July 1, 1951, to complete arrangements for the transfer of that area to Interior.


Dan H. Wheeler
Acting Director

