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From: HICOM
To: SECNAV
Subject: Location Capital of Trust Territory

Part 1. DEPHICOMTERPACIS designate and party completed inspection Trust Territory 14 March. After full consideration of all factors and wide consultations with interested persons, I recommend the following permanent capital site Saipan with construction program permanent buildings to be erected Army Hill area. Request Presidential approval reference Section 8 proposed organic act.

Part 2. Contingent on approval of Part 1, recommend (a) establish temporary capital Saipan utilizing old Navy island commanders quarters. Officers club and 21 buildings for quarters. All are located on rectangular parcel of land northeast/southwest axis approximately 500 feet wide, 2400 feet long, the northerly corner of which is located on a point approximately 6950 feet east of Mutcho Point and 5400 feet due south of center line of Pier C. (b) Propose immediately rehabilitation selected buildings NOB area, estimated \$50,000. Furniture \$80,000. Vehicles \$25,000. Transient hotel Guam \$20,000. Total \$175,000. Request funds this amount be made available under Appropriation 1711320.68 IGM 1951 allotment 42001.

(c) Request limited CB supervisory personnel assist.

(d) Target date readiness 1 July 1951.

