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Regarding: Ltr to the President transmitting a proposed Executive order entitled "Transfer of the Administration of the Portion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Which Includes the Islands of Tinian and Saipan from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Navy". Said the proposed order was forwarded informally for his consideration by Roger W. Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget. It has been indicated to him that the Bureau of the Budget has taken no position with respect to issuance of the order, but that the President will be informed of the facts which led to the suggestion of its issuance by the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Is also informed that the Department of State has no objection to the promulgation of the proposed order and that the order is satisfactory to the Navy Department. Said the order has his approval as to form and legality, as revised, subject to insertion of a date in paragraph numbered 1 of the order. --- On 9/10/52, Under Secretary of the Interior, Vernon D. Northrop, wrote Mr. Murphy, re above. Said he has reviewed the draft of the executive order and the department is opposed to it. Listed in lengthy detail the reasons for their disapproval. --- Mr. Northrop wrote Mr. Murphy again, 9/23/52, furnishing alternative plan for obtaining the same security objectives sought by the draft executive order covering Saipan and Tinian in the Trust Territories. Points out how these security objectives could be served without transferring responsibility for civilian administration in these islands. Said if there is any other information needed, they'll be glad to furnish it. --- attached is copy of the Executive Order signed by the President, 11/10/52, which reads in part - "WHEREAS the purpose of the trusteeship agreement approved by the Security Council of the United Nations on April 2, 1947, and by the United States Government on July 18, 1947, can better be effectuated by placing in the Secretary of the Navy the authority and responsibility for the administration of that portion of the trust territory which includes the islands of Tinian and Saipan: ---" - "To the extent that they pertain to the islands of Tinian and Saipan, the provisions of Executive Order No. 10265 of June 29, 1951, shall be superseded by the provisions of this order as of the date set out in the paragraph numbered 1, above". --- Mr. Hopkins wrote the following, 11/10/52, advising that the President signed on November 10 an Executive Order entitled "Transfer of the Administration of the Portion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Which Includes the Islands of Tinian and Saipan from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Navy": The Secretary of State, Director of Intelligence Agency, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Budget.

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