



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1953

MEMORANDUM to the President.

Attention: Governor Sherman Adams

I am submitting for your approval and nomination the name of Frank Elbert Midkiff of Honolulu, Hawaii, for the post of High Commissioner of the Trust Territory under the Department of the Interior. *of the Pac. Isles.* //

Mr. Midkiff was born in Illinois November 15, 1887; was educated in the States - A.B. at Colgate University in 1912, and PhD at Yale University in 1935. From 1913 to 1918 he was a Captain of Infantry, US Army at Schofield Barrack, Hawaii, and Post Adjutant 1918 to 1919; until 1934 director of the Community Association of Hawaii; trustee for the Bernice P. Bishop Estate since 1939; member of Hawaii Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, U. S. Loyalty Review Board, Chmn. T. H. Full Employment Committee, past president, Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, charter member of the Hawaiian Geographical Society - also Beta Theta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa. He has co-authored several textbooks - one in the Hawaiian language and one on education in Samoa.

I shall appreciate prompt approval of this recommendation since this position must be filled as soon as possible. Legislation regarding the organic act, under which this Department functions, is being held up by reason of the vacancies, and unless we can make the appointment promptly there is some danger that adequate appropriation may not be made.

Therefore, please be advised that in effecting this appointment that I, Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior, assumes personal responsibility for seeing that the interests of the Government will be protected from the standpoint of loyalty and security pending formal clearance.

Douglas McKay
Secretary of the Interior.

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