



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dodge:

This is in response to the letter of March 25, 1953 from Mr. Roger W. Jones requesting comments on a proposed Executive Order "Amending Executive Order 10408, transferring 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 Department of Defense has no objection to the proposed Executive Order amending Executive Order 10408 and recommends that it be submitted to the President for signature.

Sincerely yours,

ROGER KENT  
General Counsel

Honorable Joseph M. Dodge  
Director  
Bureau of the Budget

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