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Mr. Roger W. Jones  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to your letter dated 25 March 1953, requesting an expression of my views with respect to a proposed Executive Order entitled "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."

It is noted that this proposed amendment provides for the further transfer from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of the Navy of that portion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which includes all of the Mariana Islands north of 14 degrees North Latitude, in lieu of only the islands of Tinian and Saipan.

It is further noted that this proposal has been concurred in by the Departments of State and Interior.

While this Agency does not at this time have plans for Agency utilization of land or facilities on Mariana Islands..... it is believed that it will be to the best interest of national security, and will provide stronger internal security for this area, if the proposed additional transfer is made.

This Agency therefore concurs in the proposed amendment to the Executive Order 10408.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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