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Dear Governor Adams:

Aloha nui. When I recently wrote you I was not aware that I should be in Washington before the Senate Appropriation Committee on my budget so soon. Thank you for your letter in reply to mine from Honolulu, and for passing on my letter to the President. I did not intend that you should take the trouble to reply, but best thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Although I should prefer to speak to you personally on the following subject, possibly it would save your time for me to transmit this note. But I really regret imposing upon you for a personal item.

I am disturbed by information I have just received and also I am a bit surprised. I am informed that State recommended that my post of High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands should carry for me, as I has for my predecessors, the rank of Ambassador. I had assumed this would obtain, in course.

However, I now am told that the recommendation is held up at White House level, at least temporarily, along with assignment of rank to certain other officials.

Since I feel that it is quite important to me to bear the same status as my predecessors in office, in my relationships with the United Nations and with high officials of the Navy and officials of other departments of the Government

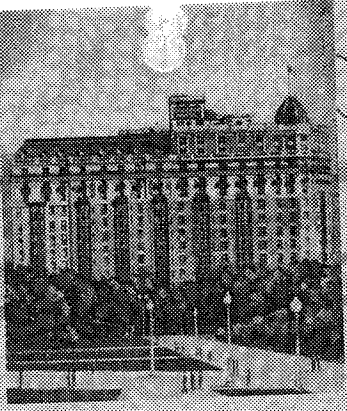


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and with the many visiting officials and dignitaries from other nations whom we contact as they come through Honolulu, I hope I may not be denied the rank carried by my predecessors.

All concerned with whom I have frequent contact have assumed that I have the same rank as Admirals Denfeld, Ramsey, and Redford, and Senator Thomas held while they were in the office. So I assumed, when I accepted the appointment. I really should feel a bit embarrassed to have a demotion attached to my occupancy. I believe that if a change is made, it should be made prior to appointment of my successor and he should be so notified before he is invited to serve.

If the question of economy is involved, I wish to promise and assure you that in my case it would not cost the Government one cent more. I fully appreciate any effort to save Government funds, so I make the foregoing statement.

I hope there is nothing so serious in the premise that it cannot be overcome. I wonder if you would be so kind as to tell me whether or not there is anything I can do or anyone I may see before I leave for Honolulu, that would help in getting this settled favorably?

I really should appreciate your assistance in this. With Aloha and continued best wishes to you always,

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Yours very sincerely,

Frank E. Midkiff



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