



HIGH COMMISSIONER
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

July 25 1953
Washington D.C.
(Interior 3231)

My dear Governor Adams:

This letter is prompted by the news concerning the sudden death of Senator Tobey. I know this is a severe loss to you and to your state. The country will mourn his passing. He had a long and useful life.

At once it becomes necessary to consider his successor. Although I am sure the President can hardly spare you from your post, on the other hand during these urgent days it would seem that you would have to serve in the Senate. I sincerely hope, if it is agreeable to the President, that you will become the United States Senator from New Hampshire without delay. I believe it would for the best interests of our country.



I am leaving for Hawaii after having represented the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands at the United Nations and after having appeared before committees of the Congress on Senate Trust Res. 6 (to authorize appropriations for the Trust Territory), a bill for organic legislation, and a supplemental appropriation in aid of our reduced budget. It has been

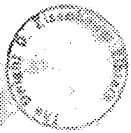


HIGH COMMISSIONER
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

a very worthwhile trip to Washington. I am to have three delegations from Congress visit the Trust Territory this summer, so a real interest is being taken in the area. Of course there are many officials from the Far East, Australia, and New Zealand who pass through Honolulu and who check up on our work frequently. Also I plan to visit the meeting of the South Pacific Commission as an observer this coming autumn.

Some time ago I brought to the White House and left for you a personal note in long-hand, asking your aid in formally establishing my personal rank in this position. My predecessors all have benefitted by the rank of Ambassador and have found that status of real value in their work. It is natural that my friends and the many officials who know of and deal with the Trust Territory have been acting on the assumption that I have the same rank that always heretofore has attached to the post.

I feel somewhat uneasy about the matter and must say that my morale





HIGH COMMISSIONER
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

suffers when I consider what it would mean to receive a demotion at this date.

When I was honored with this office, there was no indication of a possible change in the status and the work. I am doing my best to turn in a good account and to serve our country well. I am most enthusiastic about being a member of President Eisenhower's team. I am trying to make a good record amongst other United Nations' states.

I hope you will be able to expedite establishing my rank at the grade always heretofore accompanying the office - that of Ambassador.

I attach copies of letters written in my behalf by Interior. I hope similar approval has been made available to the President by State also.

Continued Aloha and best wishes to you. I hope that you may very soon become a United States Senator, if that is what seems best to your good self.

Yours sincerely

James E. Kiddiff

