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APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH C. PUTNAM AS DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY

Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton today announced appointment of Joseph C. Putnam of Berkeley, Calif., as Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The United States administers the trust territory, which consists of the former mandated Mariana, Marshall, and Caroline Islands, under a trusteeship agreement with the United Nations.

Mr. Putnam entered Federal Government service with the Department of Justice in 1924. He left that Agency in 1937 to enter the private practice of law in Washington, D. C., returning to Federal service in December 1951 as Chief Counsel in the Legal Department of the Trust Territory. In August 1954 he was appointed Attorney General for the Trust Territory.

Mr. Putnam was born in Peoria, Ill., and attended Bradley College, George Washington University, and National University Law School. In April 1935 he was admitted to the United States District Court for D. C., and the United States Court of Appeals, D. C.; in July 1948 he was admitted to the Bar of Korea.

Mr. Putnam is married to the former Henriette (Beth) Jaeger of Culver, Indiana. He will assume his new duties in the near future, succeeding Eugene Gilmartin of Providence, Rhode Island, who was appointed, by President Eisenhower, as Federal District Judge for Guam.

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