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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AUG 17 1962

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Herewith, in consonance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, in a proposed Executive order headed "Discontinuing the Guam Island Naval Defensive Sea Area and Guam Island Naval Airspace Reservation."

On October 9, 1961, the White House Office referred to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, for appropriate handling, a petition by the Legislature of Guam in which the President is urged to "revoke Executive Order No. 8683 as it applies to the territory of Guam" (copy attached). The proposed Executive order has evolved therefrom.

Executive Order No. 8683, which was issued on February 14, 1941, originally provided for naval defensive sea areas and naval airspace reservations with respect to Guam Island, Rose Island, and Sutuila Island. Since the issuance of Executive Order No. 10341, the 1941 order has been in force only as to Guam Island.

Additionally, during the last twenty-five years, naval defensive sea areas and naval airspace reservations have been established by Executive Orders Nos. 8680, 8681, and 8682, and naval defensive sea areas have been established by Executive Orders Nos. 8143, 8717, 8937, and 10361. It is our understanding that all of those defensive sea areas and airspace reservations, except in respect of Palmyra Island (E.O. 8682), remain in existence at this time.

The Department of the Interior favors termination of the Guam Island area and reservation. The Department of Defense, while earlier opposed to such termination, now interposes no objection.

There are forwarded herewith copies for the White House Office and copies for the Department of Justice of correspondence relating to this matter.

The proposed Executive order has the approval of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. We are informally advised by a representative of the National Security Council that the order is expected to be issued before the middle of the coming week.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur B. Focks

General Counsel

Enclosures

EXECUTIVE ORDER

DISCONTINUING THE GUAM ISLAND NAVAL
DEFENSIVE SEA AREA AND GUAM ISLAND
NAVAL AIRSPACE RESERVATION

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

Section 1. The Guam Island Naval Defensive Sea Area and the Guam Island Naval Airspace Reservation, heretofore existing under the provisions of Executive Order No. 8683 of February 14, 1941, as amended, are hereby discontinued.

Section 2. To the extent not heretofore rendered inapplicable, the following are hereby revoked:

- (1) Executive Order No. 8683 of February 14, 1941.
- (2) Executive Order No. 8729 of April 2, 1941.
- (3) Executive Order No. 10341 of April 8, 1952.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY

Subject: Guam Island Naval Defensive Sea Area, etc.

Herewith, in form as transmitted to the Attorney General in consonance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, is copy of the proposed Executive order headed "Discontinuing the Guam Island Naval Defensive Sea Area and the Guam Island Naval Air Space Reservation," together with a copy of our letter to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Focke
General Counsel

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