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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands. April 18, 1963--High Commissioner M. W. Goding departed Saipan today (April 18) for Guam en route to Washington, D. C. to testify before the Subcommittee on Territories of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in connection with a Bill HR 3198. This is an omnibus bill designed "to promote the economic and social development of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

Among important aspects in this omnibus bill are such items making scientific and technical talent available in other departments of the Federal Government also available to the Trust Territory, extending certain benefits of the Tariff Act of 1930, i.e., duty free entry of Trust Territory products; provisions to enable Trust Territory citizens to travel more freely to and from the United States and remove the status of aliens with respect to the Immigration Act; transferring the present trading company revolving loan fund into a general economic development loan fund. Another item of the bill would permit the licensing of Trust Territory citizens as radio operators on ships registered in the United States.

Passage of this bill would materially aid progress of the citizens of the Trust Territory in education, in economic development and many other fields.

Mr. Goding expects to be in Washington, D. C. for approximately one week.

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