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DEYOUNG TRANSFERS TO OFFICE OF TERRITORIES

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Dec. 9 . . . The transfer of Assistant Commissioner John E. deYoung to the Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, as Deputy Assistant Director was officially announced today by High Commissioner William R. Norwood. The announcement was made at the closing of the 1966 Joint Conference of the District Administratory and the High Commissioner's staff, which adjourned this afternoon.

In his announcement the High Commissioner said: "During the ll years that John deYoung has been associated with the Trust Territory Government he has made/major contribution to the development of Micronesia.

"Although we will miss his vast knowledge of the islands as he leaves our staff, it is fortunate that he is transferring to a position in the Interior Department where he will continue to be closely identified with matters related to the Trust Territory.

"His presence in Washington should be very helpful to us there and should strengthen the ties and working relationship between the Division of the Territories and Micronesia.

"It has been a rewarding experience for me to have had John as a member of my staff during the first half-year of my service as High Commissioner. His help to me has been substantial."

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Mr. deYoung joined the Trust Territory staff in 1955 as Staff Anthropologist, a position he held until 1961 when he was promoted to the post of Program Officer. In this latter capacity he was responsible for conducting and coordinating programs in the fields of political, economic, social and cultural affairs development, while continuing to perform the duties of Staff Anthropologist. He has been serving as member and chairman of the Manpower Subcommittee, member of the Budget and Fund Utilization Committee, C-Schedule Promotion Board, Broadcast Board, Publications Review Board, and Headquarters Scholarship Committee. He also serves as a member of the Social Development Section of the South Pacific Commission's Research Council. Since 1955 he had served annually on the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Trusteeship Council in the capacity of advisor to the Special Representative.

A graduate of Beloit College, Wisconsin, in anthropology and sociology, Mr. deYoung received his M. A. degree in anthropology from the University of Hawaii in 1941, and spent the following year at the University of Chicago studying for a Ph.D. degree in anthropology. From 1942-43 he was a Regional Planner on the Far East of O.S.S. Planning Staff, and later joined the War Relocation Authority serving in various capacities for the next two years. From 1946 to 1948 he was a lecturer at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, under a Social Science Research Council Fellowship. During this period he published his research entitled "Village Life in Thailand."

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In 1948 he became an Associate Professor of anthropology at the University of the Philippines, and later became a full Professor and head of the Sociology and Social Welfare Department, where he remained until he joined the Trust Territory in 1955.

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