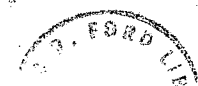


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REVISED POSITION DESCRIPTIONHigh Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, GS-340-18

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11021, dated, May 7, 1962, which provides for the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by the Secretary of the Interior and Secretarial Orders Nos. 2902, dated November 15, 1967, as amended and 2918, dated December 27, 1968, as amended, responsibility for the executive authority of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, together with responsibility for the faithful execution of the United States in the Trust Territory policies or programs, as prescribed by the President of the United States or the Secretary of the Interior, are vested in the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The High Commissioner is appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and exercises his responsibilities under the supervision, direction and guidance of the Secretary of the Interior. The High Commissioner is responsible for the administration and control of all executive agencies and instrumentalities of the Trust Territory and shall faithfully execute the laws of the United States applicable to the Trust Territory and the laws of the Trust Territory. He is additionally responsible for carrying out the international obligations undertaken by the United States with respect to the Trust Territory. He shall



annually and as otherwise may be required, make official reports of the transactions of the Government of the Trust Territory to the Secretary.

The High Commissioner shall also be responsible for preparing the initial draft of the annual report of the United States to the United Nations relative to the Trust Territory, which shall be submitted to the Secretary.

The Director, Office of Territorial Affairs, shall serve as the normal channel of policy guidance to the High Commissioner from the Secretary, and the High Commissioner shall be responsible for the execution of all policy directives and actions transmitted to him from the Director, Office of Territorial Affairs.

The High Commissioner shall reside in the Trust Territory during his official incumbency and shall engage in travel outside of the Trust Territory only with the approval of the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs of the Department of the Interior. As the official representative of the Secretary of the Interior the High Commissioner shall perform such additional duties and functions as may be delegated to him or directed.

In accordance with the provisions of Secretarial Order No. 2918, the High Commissioner shall exercise the executive role in the proceedings of the Congress of Micronesia in the Trust Territory, shall be responsible for any actions taken by the Executive Branch of the Government of the Trust Territory in relation to that Congress and shall have the

authority to promulgate executive regulations implementing laws and ordinances.

At the request of the Secretary of State and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the High Commissioner serves as Special Representative on the United States' delegation to the Trusteeship Council to report annually on the administration of the Trust Territory.

The High Commissioner shall lend all appropriate assistance to the President's Personal Representative for the Micronesian Status Negotiations in conjunction with the political status negotiations. The High Commissioner shall also perform such actions and lend such assistance as are determined, upon consultation with the Director of Territorial Affairs, to be necessary and beneficial to the execution of the responsibilities of other departments and agencies of the Government of the United States with respect to the Trust Territory especially as concerns the foreign affairs and contacts and defense of the area.

The United States, pursuant to a trusteeship agreement with the Security Council of the United Nations, is the administering authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, constituting the Marshall and Caroline Islands. These islands and atolls, of which 97 are inhabited by a population of more than 100,000, are spread over 3,000,000 square miles of the Western Pacific Ocean. The vast distances, cultural

differences, and limitations in physical resources, considered together with the national and international obligations of the United States in this area, make the task of the High Commissioner one of the largest most complex in the Federal Service. Activities in the Trust Territory receive substantial international attention and the High Commissioner is the person accountable to the Director, Office of Territorial Affairs and the Secretary for the social, economic, educational and political development of the peoples of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

