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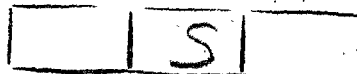
## ARRANGEMENTS FOR A VISITING MISSION TO THE TRUST TERRITORIES IN THE PACIFIC DURING 1953

### Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat

General considerations

1.    In order that the necessary preparations for the Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories in the Pacific area may be put in hand in good time, it would appear desirable for the Council at the second part of the eleventh session to indicate its views on such matters as the composition of the visiting mission or missions, the approximate time and duration of the visits and the order in which the Trust Territories are to be visited.

2.    At its session to be held in the summer months of 1953, the Council may be expected to examine the Annual Reports on the administration of the four Trust Territories in the Pacific.  The Council may wish, particularly in view of the relatively lighter burden of work for the year as a whole, to have the Reports of the Visiting Mission or Missions for 1953 available for discussion at the same time.  It may also consider that if no winter session is held in 1953, delegations may be better able than normally to spare members for the Mission (or Missions) if departure from Headquarters is fixed earlier rather than late in the year.  In that event, it will be necessary to appoint the Mission (or Missions) and decide the terms of reference before the close of the eleventh session.

3.    At its fifth session the General Assembly, by resolution 434 (V), recommended that the Council, in reviewing the organization of visiting missions, inter alia, take into account the advisability of reducing the number of Trust Territories to be visited by a single mission and of

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extending the duration of visits without diminishing their frequency. At its
eighth session the Council appointed a Committee on Visiting Missions which
proposed[1] inter alia that in view of the distances to be covered in visiting
the Trust Territories in the Pacific, if possible two separate missions
consisting of four members each should in future be sent to these Territories
every three years. Subsequently, the Council decided[2] that it would be
guided by the principles set forth by General Assembly resolution 434 (V) and
would take into account the observations and suggestions made by the Committee
on Visiting Missions.

4.    At its sixth session the General Assembly, in resolution 553 (VI),
recommended that the Council again review the matter bearing in mind the
financial implications, with a view to increasing the duration of visits and
reducing the number of Territories visited by each mission, without
diminishing the frequency of the visits. At its tenth session, the Council
established a second Committee on Visiting Missions which heard the views of
Chairmen and members of previous missions. In its report to the Council[3]
the Committee stated that whether one or two missions should be sent to any
one of the Trust Territory areas (East and West Africa and the Pacific) on
a given occasion must, in the Committee's opinion, be a matter for the
Council to decide in the light of the circumstances prevailing at the time,
and in the light of certain factors.

5.    It will be recalled that it was a realization of the distances which
must necessarily be covered by any mission to the Pacific area which prompted
the proposal that there should be two separate missions to that area.[4]   If
the Council should decide that it would be desirable to examine the Reports
of the 1953 Visiting Mission at its summer session in that year, and should
further decide to send a single mission, its time of departure from New York
must be early in the next year. The 1950 Visiting Mission left New York on
5 April and returned on 26 July, an absence of 110 days. The Reports were
transmitted to the Council on 14 August. Assuming that arrangements for the

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1/   T/L.126/Rev.1.

2/   Resolution 343 (IX).

3/   T/L.249.

4/   See Annex II.

twelfth session of the Council would require the Reports of the 1953 Visiting Mission to be ready by the middle of June, a single mission visiting all four Trust Territories, in order to spend a period away from Headquarters not shorter than that spent by the 1950 Mission, would need to leave New York not later than 9 February 1953.

6.  If two missions were decided upon, geographical, administrative and travel considerations would suggest that one mission visit the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands and the other the Trust Territories of Western Samoa, New Guinea and Nauru.

Duration of Visits

7.  The Committee on Visiting Missions was of the opinion that the time to be spent in various Territories should be determined by the task that was set the Mission:  in other words, that the timetable of one Visiting Mission need not necessarily be followed by the next Mission.  It may therefore be decided that the periods devoted by the 1950 Mission to each of the four Territories may be usefully adjusted in 1953 in the light of the earlier experience.[1]/

8.  During a total absence of 110 days, the 1950 Mission spent the following periods in the Territories:

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| Pacific Islands (Incl. Hawaii and Guam) | 22 days |
| Nauru | 5 days |
| New Guinea | 34 days |
| Western Samoa | 11 days |
| Total | 72 days. |

The balance of the 110 days was spent in travel and in visits to Australia and New Zealand.  The Mission travelled from New York to San Francisco and on return from San Francisco to New York by train.  Four days could be saved if this part of the journey were made by air, but the choice by the 1950 Mission of rail travel was influenced by the fact that in any event some 24,500 miles of air travel lay ahead of it.  The Mission stayed in Australia and New Zealand from 14 June to 5 July, visiting the capitals of the two countries and working on its reports.  Included in this time were essential rest periods.

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1/  See Annex II.

A few days might be cut from the time to be spent in Australia and New Zealand, although it is assumed that the Mission will find it desirable to confer with Ministers and officials at both Canberra and Wellington.

9.    Allowing for the reductions suggested above, and varying somewhat the proportion of the time which might be spent in each Territory, the following periods are suggested as a basis for discussion:

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| Pacific Islands | 18 days |
| Nauru | 6 days |
| New Guinea | 36 days |
| Western Samoa | 14 days |
| Total | 74 days. |

10.   If two Missions are sent, one might visit Nauru, New Guinea and Samoa in that order for a total of 56 days in the field, to which might be added 25 days for external travel. The other would, on the foregoing basis, spend 22 days in the Pacific Islands Territory and some 10 days in travel.

ANNEX I

AIR TRAVEL OF VISITING MISSION TO TRUST TERRITORIES
IN THE PACIFIC, 1950

|  | Hours in the air | Miles |
|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles - Honolulu | 11 1/2 | 2,228 |
| Honolulu - Wake Island | 8 1/2 | 2,004 |
| Wake Island - Guam | 6 1/2 | 1,315 |
| Guam - Rota | 1/2 | 54 |
| Rota - Tinian | 1/2 | 56 |
| Tinian - Saipan | 1/2 | 14 |
| Saipan - Yap | 3 | 562 |
| Yap - Koror | 2 | 358 |
| Koror - Angaur | 1/4 | 30 |
| Angaur - Pelolieu | 1/4 | 7 |
| Pelolieu - Koror | 1/4 | 23 |
| Koror - Truk | 9 | 1,086 |
| Truk - Ponape | 3 | 383 |
| Ponape - Kwajalein | 7 | 568 |
| Kwajalein - Likiep | 1 | 105 |
| Likiep - Jaluit | 1 1/2 | 225 |
| Jaluit - Majuro | 1/2 | 117 |
| Nauru - Honiara | 5 | 783 |
| Honiara - Rabaul | 5 | 540 |
| Rabaul - Buin | 2 1/4 | 271 |
| Buin - Sohano | 1 | 111 |
| Sohano - Kavieng | 2 1/2 | 290 |
| Kavieng - Manus | 1 1/2 | 239 |
| Manus - Wewak | 1 3/4 | 227 |
| Wewak - Angoram | 1/2 | 45 |
| Angoram - Wewak | 1/2 | 45 |
| Wewak - Maprik | 1/2 | 30 |
| Maprik - Wewak | 1/2 | 30 |
| Wewak - Madang | 1 1/2 | 165 |

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| Madang - Mt. Hagen | 1 | 165 |
| Mt. Hagen - Garoka | 3/4 | 60 |
| Garoka - Bulolo | 1 | 134 |
| Lae - Port Moresby | 1 1/4 | 215 |
| Port Moresby - Brisbane | 6 | 1,430 |
| Brisbane - Sydney | 2 1/2 | 454 |
| Sydney - Auckland | 6 1/2 | 1,245 |
| Auckland - Wellington | 2 | 250 |
| Wellington - Auckland | 2 | 250 |
| Auckland - Norfolk Is. | 4 | 572 |
| Norfolk Is. - Fiji | 6 | 885 |
| Fiji - Samoa | 5 | 675 |
| Samoa - Tonga | 3 | 465 |
| Tonga - Fiji | 3 1/2 | 390 |
| Fiji - Canton | 6 1/2 | 1,068 |
| Canton - Honolulu | 11 | 1,911 |
| Honolulu - San Francisco | 9 | 2,428 |
| | 149 1/4 | 24,508 |

ANNEX II

TENTATIVE TIME-TABLE COMMENCING 9 FEBRUARY 1953

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|---|---|---|
| Leave New York | Monday 9 Feb. 1953 | Train |
| Arr. San Francisco | | |
|     or Los Angeles | 12 Feb. | |
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| Leave    " | 13 Feb. | Air |
| Arr. Honolulu | 14 Feb. | |
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| Leave Honolulu | 17 Feb. | Air |
| Arr. Guam | 18 Feb. | |

Pacific Islands:  18 Feb. - 7 Mar.

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|---|---|---|
| Leave Majuro | 7 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Nauru | Sat.  7 Mar. | |

Nauru:  7 - 13 Mar.

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| Leave Nauru | 13 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Rabaul | 13 Mar. | |

New Guinea:  13 Mar. - 17 Apr.

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| Leave Port Moresby | Fri.  17 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. Sydney | 17 Apr. | |

Visit to Canberra

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| Leave Sydney | Fri.  24 Apr.  q | Air |
| Arr. Auckland | 24 Apr. | |

Visit to Wellington

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| Leave Auckland | 30 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. Western Samoa | 30 Apr. | |

Western Samoa:  30 Apr. - 14 May

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| Leave Western Samoa | 14 May | Air |
| Arr. Fiji | 14 May | |
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| Leave Fiji | 15 May | Air |
| Arr. Honolulu | 15 May | |
| Arr. New York | Wed.  20 May | Train |

TENTATIVE TIME-TABLE FOR TWO MISSIONS:  1953

### First Mission

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Leave New York | 4 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. San Francisco | | |
|     or Los Angeles | 4 Mar. | |
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| Leave " | 5 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Honolulu | 6 Mar. | |
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| Leave Honolulu | 9 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Guam | 10 Mar. | |

Pacific Islands:  10 - 31 Mar.

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| Arr. Guam | 1 Apr. | |
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| Leave Guam | 2 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. Honolulu | 2 Apr. | |
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| Leave Honolulu | 2 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. Los Angeles | | |
|     or San Francisco | 3 Apr. | |
| | | |
| Leave " | 4 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. New York | 4 Apr. | |

Total:  32 days

### Second Mission

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|---|---|---|
| Leave New York | 1 Mar. | Train |
| Arr. San Francisco | | |
|     or Los Angeles | 4 Mar. | |
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| Leave " | 5 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Honolulu | 6 Mar. | |
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| Leave Honolulu | 6 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Sydney | 8 Mar. | |
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| Leave Sydney | 9 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. New Guinea | 10 Mar. | |

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| Leave New Guinea | 10 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. Nauru | 11 Mar. | |

       Nauru:  11 - 15 Mar.

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| Leave Nauru | 15 Mar. | Air |
| Arr. New Guinea | 15 Mar. | |

       New Guinea:  15 Mar. - 20 Apr.

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| Leave New Guinea | 20 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. Sydney | 20 Apr. | |

       Sydney and Canberra:  20 - 25 Apr.

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| Leave Sydney | 25 Apr. | Air |
| Arr. Auckland | 26 Apr. | |

       Auckland and Wellington:  26 - 30 Apr.

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| Leave Auckland | 1 May | Air |
| Arr. Western Samoa | 1 May | |

       Western Samoa:  1 - 13 May

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|---|---|---|
| Leave Western Samoa | 13 May | Air |
| Arr. Fiji | 14 May | |

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| Leave Fiji | 14 May | Air |
| Arr. New York | 20 May | |

Total:  81 days

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| Time in Nauru, New Guinea and Western Samoa: | if one mission | 74 days |
| | if two missions | 81 days |
| Time in the Pacific Islands: | if one mission | 18 days |
| | if two missions | 21 days. |

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