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ADDENDUM

Note: The Drafting Committee on Western Samoa has approved the following modifications to document T/L.476. These are based on the statements made before the Council by the special representative of the Administering Authority.

2. POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT

Constitutional arrangements

(b) Existing structure of government

1. On page 4, at the end of paragraph 6 add the following:

"The Administering Authority informed the Trusteeship Council during its fourteenth session that the Executive Council had recently considered ways of taking the first steps towards cabinet government by associating its unofficial members more closely with the work of the Government departments and that its recommendations in this regard were under consideration by the Administering Authority".

2. On page 5, paragraph 9, replace the last four lines by the following:

"... for the 1954 elections whereby nominations were made by the matais in each electoral district; where only one candidate was nominated from a district the Fono confirmed him but in cases where there were several nominations the Fono selected one of the candidates by secret ballot."

3. On page 5, paragraph 10, replace the last three lines by the following:

"Since April 1954 the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly on education and broadcasting have been amalgamated and there are at present four standing committees dealing with health, public works, education and broadcasting, and agriculture and co-operatives."

(c) Proposals for constitutional development

4. On page 6, paragraph 14, after the penultimate sentence insert the following:

"Since then, the Committee had reached the stage of making tentative recommendations on most of the major political issues indicated in the Prime Minister's statement. There had not, however, yet been time for the Committee to discuss these tentative suggestions fully and to draft them in their final form."

Local government

5. On page 7, paragraph 17, tenth line, delete the words "to be".
6. On page 8, paragraph 18, replace the last sentence by the following:

"The Administering Authority, however, informed the Council during its fourteenth session that a Town Planning Committee had been established in 1954 to make recommendations to the Government concerning such matters as housing, roading, drainage and fire protection in the urban area".

3. ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

General

7. On page 11, paragraph 29, replace the two last lines by the following:

"... experienced Registrar of Cooperatives was appointed early in 1954."

8. On page 12, paragraph 30, fourteenth line, replace the words "would take up" by "took up".

Public finance

9. On page 17, at the end of paragraph 48 add the following:
"The Administering Authority, however, informed the Council during its fourteenth session that a departmental committee had been established late in 1953 to investigate the system of taxation in the Territory. This committee had reported on tariffs and death duties and was then investigating store tax, export tax and income tax."

4. SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

Labour

10. On page 21, at the end of paragraph 61, add the following:
"The Administering Authority further informed the Council during its fourteenth session that a Trades Training Committee had been recently set up to advise the Territorial Government on how best to institute a more adequate system of trades training."

Public health

11. On page 22, at the end of paragraph 66, add the following:
"An experienced New Zealand official joined the Health Department as Chief Sanitary Inspector early in 1954."

5. EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

General

12. On page 25, paragraph 74, seventh line, after the words "New Zealand Director of Education" add ", Dr. C.E. Beeby,".
13. In the same paragraph, replace the last sentence by the following:
"The results of this study were made available early in 1954."
14. On page 25, at the end of paragraph 75, add the following:
"The Administering Authority informed the Council during its fourteenth session that consideration was being given to a plan for urgently extending the Teachers' Training College and training infant school teachers in a concentrated course."

Advanced training

15. On page 27, after paragraph 82, add the following paragraph:

"The Administering Authority informed the Council during its fourteenth session that in 1954 an Advisory Committee on scholarships had been established to advise the Territorial Government on matters of policy connected with the granting of scholarships, bursaries, fellowships and kindred matters."
