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CRS G1, ITEM 4

Transfer of the Caroline Islands to the German Empire

1899 - 1902

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Department of Resources and Development
Trust Territory Government
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950
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Kaiserliches Government von Deutsch Neu-Guinea

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1899-1907

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The two main sources for land records and documents relating to the Administration of Micronesia by Germany (Marshalls 1885-1914; Carolines and Marianas 1899-1914) are the Commonwealth of Australia Archives Office in Canberra and the Central German Archives at Potsdam in East Germany.

The German records in Australia were acquired by the Australian Military Administration of New Guinea between 1914 and 1922 from Rabaul, the former German capital of German New Guinea and the Islands Sphere (Micronesia). These records are voluminous, and James B. Johnson, Senior Land Commissioner, Mariana Islands District, was sent to Canberra for ten (10) days in August 1969 to examine these records. By letter dated September 1, 1969 (serial 1968/328) K. Penny, Chief Archivist (Commonwealth Archives Office) provided to the then Director of Land Management, Trust Territory Government (William A. McGrath), a listing of preliminary inventories for only two (2) of the record series of German New Guinea (reference numbers G1 and G2). A copy of this document appears at the front of Volume I of this series of translations.

It was considered that certain of the records in this listing were of interest to the Trust Territory lands program and microfilms were purchased of the following:

Series No. G1:
All of files 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 29, 121, 126b, 217, 219 and No. illegible (Laws and Ordinances) and only folios 235, 236 and 237 of file 171.

Series No. G2:
All of files G. 25 BD. I, W21, W30, W32, W33, and only folios 245-254 of A.16 BDI, only folios 19-25 of A. 16BD2, only folios 64-67 of A.21, only folio 116 of C16 BDI, only folios 48 and 48a of Y15, only folios 177-179, 181-183, 193-196, 198-200 and 205, of Y36, only folios 3-16, 19-24, 26-37, 49-57 and 235 of Y38EDI, only folios 23, 24, 34-36, 74-77, 80, 82-135 and 148 of Y40, and only folios 13-30, 80, 108-117 of Y44.

A great deal of research remains to be done at Canberra to obtain microfilm copies of the balance of the German records still there.

The German land records of Micronesia that are in the Central German Archives at Potsdam (East Germany) are voluminous and likewise present a formidable task even to sort, list and index them. As far as it is known, these records on German Micronesian have never been examined and evaluated by a staff member of either the Trust Territory Government or
the Department of the Interior. It is known that a Dr. J. Leyser of the Law School of the University of Melbourne, Australia, has done a considerable amount of research on the records in Potsdam on behalf of the Government of the former Trust Territory of New Guinea.

In the main, the records for Micronesia are mixed with the records of the Reich Colonial Office for Africa and Oceania.

Documents in the following volumes may be significant to us in Micronesia:

- Mining and Land research 1886-1942, 255 volumes
- Borders and surveying 1884-1939, 281 volumes
- Surveying 1886-1938, 14 volumes
- Carolines 1889-1913, 3 volumes
- New Guinea 1880-1886, 22 volumes
- Pacific 1880-1914, 12 volumes
- Foreign Colonies, Pacific, 1872-1909, 21 volumes
- Jaluit Company of Hamburg, 1887-1945, 2 boxes

In 1975, funds became available to translate the records that were obtained on microfilm. However, it was realized that a goodly portion of the records were not related to land, and therefore it was decided to have summaries made of all documents to determine their relevancy to land. Upon a firm determinate that a particular document was of interest, a full translation was made.

The summarization and translation of the documents was performed by Susanna R. Moyal of San Francisco, California, under contract to the Trust Territory Government (Contract No. 176-2 dated July 28, 1975, as amended). The work extended from 1975 until 1979.

The completed summarizations and translations are presently bound in twenty-four (24) volumes with general subject matter as indicated in the following listing. It should be noted that the general classification should not be relied upon to reflect the true content of the volume. A full review of all volumes would have to be undertaken to get an accurate understanding of the material as no attempt has been made to sort documents by subject matter or by separate index.

The summarization and translations appear at the front of each volume with a microfilm printout of the German documents at the rear of the volume. The German document may be readily identified first by the Item number and then by the sequential numbers stamped at the bottom of each page. Summarizations and translations were performed by full documents and not page by page.
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3. CRS G1, ITEM 171, Trade and Shipping in the Carolines, 1899 - 1908

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Mr. W.A. McGrath,
Director of Land Management,
Office of the High Commissioner,
SAIPAN.
Mariana Islands. 96950.

Dear Mr. McGrath,

Further to my letter of 31 July I am enclosing copies of the preliminary inventories for two record series of German New Guinea (our reference nos. CHS G1 and G2).

Copies of these inventories were also made available to Mr. Johnson on his recent visit here, for purposes of annotation. Mr. Johnson has indicated that a number of archives from these record series will be of direct use in land cases.

As and when they are prepared, copies of inventories for further series of German New Guinea will be forwarded to you for reference. Any details of administrative history, including court and land registration districts, will also be forwarded.

I should like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the copy of 'Land Ownership in the Northern Mariana Islands - an Outline History', which Mr. Johnson kindly presented for our library.

Yours sincerely,

(K. PENNY)
Chief Archivist.
Commonwealth Archives Office

INVENTORY OF ITEMS

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Subject: Transfer of the Caroline Islands to the German Empire
Date: 1899 - 1902

Title Page Two
From: Wilhelm, German Emperor & King of Prussia, etc.

Date: July 18, 1899

Subject: Proclamation

Islands: Carolines - Palau - Marianas

**Summarization:** Contract between German and Spanish governments signed June 30, 1899 to the effect that transfer of these island groups has taken place and that they are part of the German Protectorate.
We, Wilhelm, by the Grace of God German Emperor, King of Prussia, etc., make known and ordain herewith for all to know:

The, in this contract closely-designated, island groups of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas, ceded to Germany after the concluded contract of June 30, 1899 between our government and the Royal Spanish Government, have been taken under the Imperial protection at the time of transfer to our administration.

Authenticated with our very own signature, and the imprinted Imperial insignia.

Granted, Molde, on board my yacht

Hohenzollern, July 18, 1899

Signed: Wilhelm

Signed: Count von Posadowsky

Most High Decree

Concerning the declaration of the protection of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas.
Summarization: Consular jurisdiction to apply to Protectorate as of January 1, 1901.

Marriage contracts to relate to all persons except natives as of January 1, 1900.
To:  
Date: July 24, 1899
Subject: Ordinances
Islands: Carolines - Palau - Marianas

Summarization: Administrative responsibilities.

Regulations applying to the laws of the seas and seafarers.
Fees and accounting.
Law enforcement: responsibility of administrators.
Governor is authorized to change or veto.

To:

Date: July 24, 1899

Subject: Ordinances

Islands: Carolines - Palau - Marianas

Decree concerning the regulation of administration and legal conditions in the Island Districts of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas.

By reason of chapter 1, paragraph 2 of the Imperial regulation, concerning the interim rule of the administration and legal conditions in the Island Districts of the Carolines, Palau and Marianas of July 18, 1899, as well as by reason of chapters 5 and 11 of the law concerning the legal conditions of the German Protectorate (Imperial Law Journal, (?), 1888 p. 75), it is hereby ordered that which follows:

1. The administration will be the responsibility of the Governor of German New Guinea; in the East Carolines that of a Vice Governor; in the Marianas and West Carolines including the Palau Islands that of the District Administrators.

2. The Vice Governors and the District Administrators have to attend to the affairs which are the province of the German Consul as per chapter 16 of the law of October 25, 1867 (Civil Law Journal (?), p. 35) relative to the validation of the law of June 22, 1899, (Imperial Law Journal (?), p. 319) as per chapter 12 of the latter law; and as per chapter 35 of the law of November 8, 1867 (Civil Law Journal (?) p. 137).
The same applies to the authority incumbent upon the German consulates as offices for seamen, as per regulation for mariners of December 27, 1872 (Imperial Law Journal (?) p. 409) and other German Laws.

Regulations for consuls, relating to the preceding chapter's law precepts, are to be applied correspondingly.

All fees and expenses within the limit of the definition of the law on fees and costs are to be claimed within the designated concerns at the consulates of the German Empire of July 1, 1872 (Imperial Law Journal, p. 245).

The Governor and the Vice Governor as his representative are authorized in all island groups specified in chapter 1, and likewise, every District Administrator in his District Administration, to decree security and other instructions concerning the administration, and, in case of contravention, to threaten with imprisonment up to three months, arrest, fine, and confiscation of certain objects. The Governor is authorized to cancel or change instructions of the other civil servants.

Berlin, July 24, 1899

Representing the Imperial Chancellor

Signed: Count von Posadowsky
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From: (signed) Hernshein (signed) Grosser (Jaluit Co.?)

To: --

Date: December 16, 1898

Subject: Information and report on trade

Islands: Carolines - Marianas - (Secondary mention of Marshalls)

Summarization: Export and import under prevalent conditions.

Future prospects for trade:

Marianas climatic conditions: hurricanes.

Training of natives.

Disarming of natives.

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Good prospects under German administration for new plantations.
From: German Parliament: Chancellor Duke von Hohenlohe
To: Legislature
Date: June 20, 1899 (Herbertshoehe: September 15, 1899)
Subject: Draft proposal for budget year 1899
Islands: Carolines - Palau - Marianas

Summarization: Budget proposal for administrative expense and compensation to Spain.
Date: February 12, 1899, Madrid

Subject: Declaration of Intent (in French & German)

Islands: Carolines - Palau - Marianas

Summarization: Declaration of Intent that Germany acquire these islands with certain safeguards guaranteed to Spain, such as the right to maintain coal depots and maintenance of Spanish religious orders.
(Translation)

Declaration.

The Imperial German Government and the Royal Spanish Government are agreed on the following issues:

1. Spain will cede the Caroline Island with Palau and the Marianas, with the exception of Guam, to Germany for a fixed indemnity of twenty-five million pesetas.

2. Germany will guarantee the same treatment and the same facilitation to the Spanish agricultural establishment as to German trade in the Carolines, Palau, and the Marianas; and will guarantee the same rights and the same freedoms on these named islands to the Spanish religious orders as to the German religious orders.

3. Spain will establish a coal depot for the war and merchant navy on the Caroline Archipel as well as in Palau, and a third on the Mariana Archipel, which can also be maintained in times of war.

4. This arrangement should be submitted as soon as possible for ratification by both countries' prescribed constitutional agreement as soon as concurred.

Madrid, February 12, 1899
Signed: Radowitz
L.S.

Signed: Duke of Almodovar
del Río, L.S.
Subject: Budget proposal for the year 1899

Summarization: Addendum to budget proposal.

Administration: detailed expenses.
Subject: Memoranda concerning administration.
Islands Carolines - Palau - Marianas

**Summarization:** German administration of the Protectorate to maintain island group districts as under the Spanish administration.

Seat of governmental district administrations as under Spanish administration with the exception of the Marianas, where Guam is to be replaced by Saipan.

The erstwhile Spanish military government administration to be replaced by German civil service.

Regulations establishing civil service personnel in all districts.

Trade within the districts to be effected by barter.

Release (in Spanish) concerning transfer of islands.
Addendum

Memoranda concerning

the Island Groups of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas.

The island groups of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas have been separated into three independent district administrations under the Spanish authority, which were all under the Captaincy General of the Philippines in Manilla. The total budget was defrayed by income of the Philippines including subvention for the regular Spanish mailboat connection to and from Manila in bi-monthly return trips through the whole archipel.

The three administrative districts were purely militarily organized, each under its own governor with a large civil service. At his disposition were two small gun boats especially constructed for these islands.

They were:

1. The East Carolines with the government seat in Ponape, including the high basalt islands of Ponape, Kosrae, Truk, and the coral atolls of these parts of the Carolines to the 148° longitude east of Greenwich, also including the atolls Namonuito, Ollap, Enderby, and Suk.

2. The Western Carolines and the Palau Islands with the government seat in Yap, including the coral atolls between the 148° longitude east of Greenwich, and the high islands Yap, Fais, Babelthaob, Koror, and the other basalt islands.
of the Palau group to the most southern Caroline island Mapia (almost under the equator).

3. The Marianas with the government seat in Guam (approximately ten high islands and the Anson atoll included).

It would seem advisable to maintain this classification of three district administrations after the transfer of the island groups into German ownership; it is natural and by the geographical situation justified that, in lieu of the island of Guam, now in American hands, the island of Saipan with Tanapag harbor be made the government seat for the third district administration encompassing the Mariana Islands. It would be furthermore in the interest of simplifying the organization of administration and save the high salary of a special governor, if the three administrative districts remain for the time being under Germany authority of the Imperial Government of the Protectorate of New Guinea, as resorted to in Spanish times under the Captaincy General in Manila. The Governor of New Guinea would at the same time assume the function of Chief Justice (II instance) for all island groups. However, taking into consideration the distance from Herbertshoehe, which is the seat of the Imperial Government for the Protectorate of New Guinea, it is natural to leave practicable independence and freedom of movement within the island district to the administering officials of those districts.

However, the German Administration of the island groups will have to forego the expensive military machinery, used especially in Ponape. The Imperial Government is convinced that experienced civil servants with a
number of native police will be able to subdue the natives, who lived in constant strife with the Spanish.

At this time shall be allocated to the most important administrative district, apart from the administrative official, a doctor, a secretary, and a chief of police who will be assigned at the same time the functions of pilot, subordinate officer, and other administrative assignments.

The administering official will have to assume judicial affairs of the natives' court and the court of first instance for whites, and the secretary, the office of court clerk as it is usual in the protectorates of the Southseas. The organization of administration of Yap should be similar, except that a medical aide will be sufficient in place of the doctor. An administrative official and two subordinate officers (a pilot and a medical aide) should suffice for the administrative district of Saipan. With the higher cultural level and exceptional peaceful attitude of the inhabitants of the Marianas, no great administrative difficulties are expected. All officials without exception should be agents for the time being. The choice of candidates should be in the first instance made from the point of view that men of expertise, if possible with experience acquired in the South Seas, be chosen.

Moreover, at this time the necessary basis for the submission of a special budget is lacking; it will have to be delayed until the new organization in the island groups in general will be accomplished.
From: Imperial German Consulate, Makassar (Dutch East Indies)
German Consul: Carl Becker

To: Imperial Governor, von Bennigsen, Herbertshohe

Date: August 30, 1899

Subject: Dutch reaction to German take-over of the Protectorate.

Islands: Carolines

Summarization: Publication in the Dutch press on the take-over of the Protectorate by the German government.

Dispatch of the Dutch warship BORNEO to the area in response to the presence of S.M.S. JAGUAR in Pacific waters.

Attached to letter: article and shipping news in Dutch language.
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From: Imperial Governor, Herbertshoehe
To: Foreign Office, Berlin
copy to Vice Governor Dr. Hahl
Date: September 23, 1899
Subject: Arrangements during the Governor's absence in the Protectorate and Dutch East Indies.
Islands: Marshalls - Jaluit - Kusaie - Ponape - Ruck - Palau - Yap Rota - Tinian - Saipan

Summarization: Information on a voyage of inspection throughout the island districts and on to Macassar - Singapore - Surabaya - Batavia to discuss the possibilities of immigration of Javanese farmers and workers to the protectorate; also to improve relationships between the Dutch East Indies and the German Protectorate.
From: Foreign Office, Berlin
To: Governor, Herbertshoehe
Date: July 17, 1899
Subject: Budget
Islands: East Carolines - West Carolines - Marianas

Summarization: Confirmation of parliamentary consent to budget request for acquisition of islands and detailed guidelines for administrative expenses.
From: Imperial Governor, Herbertshoehe
To: Vice Governor Dr. Hahl
Date: September 9, 1899
Subject: Job allocations
Islands: Ponape - Yap - Saipan

Summarization: Instruction on allocation to the various districts of 46 men enlisted in Macassar. Also announcing the arrival of German civil servants and their respective assignments.
From: Imperial Governor, Herbertshoehe
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: September 18, 1899
Subject: Administration of accounting
Islands: Ponape - Yap - Saipan

Summarization: Request for details regarding submission of expense accounting, and to which governmental agencies these should be submitted.
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From: The Representatives of the Royal Spanish Government
and: the Representative of the Imperial German Government (Copy)

Date: October 12, 1899

Subject: Transfer of East Carolines

Island: Ponape

Summarization: Official transfer of East Carolines signed at a ceremony in Ponape by representatives of the German and Spanish Governments. Spain retains the right to coal station on Ponape depending upon agreement by both governments.

This document does not spell out whether the land for the coal station was actually in the ownership of Spain. A map was appended to the original document.

Advises that Spanish Government asked for coal loading stations in all districts. No firm agreement given; advises that German government agrees. Sketch of location of sites appended to the original memo. (Document almost illegible)
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From: Meyer & Co., Singapore, Shipping Dept. (Copy)
To: Vice Governor Dr. Hahl, Singapore
Date: August 19, 1899
Subject: Charter shipment and passengers

Islands:

Summarization: Confirmation of the charter of S.S. KUDAT; the price of coal with a verification by the German Consul; cost of passage for passengers.
Readiness of S.S. KUDAT as of August 23.
Charter agreement (in English).
From: Representatives of the Royal Spanish Government, and
Representative of the Imperial German Government (COPY)

Date: October 12, 1899

Subject: Transfer of the East Carolines

Island: Ponape

(Duplicate) Ponape, October 12, 1899

From the authorized representative of the Royal Spanish Government, Ricardo de Castro y Gandara, Captain of the Navy--Infantry, as well as the present political and military Governor of the East Carolines, the Island Group of the East Carolines has today been transferred in ceremony to the authorized representative of the Imperial German Government, Governor von Bennigsen. In conformity with article III of the contract, the island of Ponape in the East Carolines was designated as the island on which the Spanish Government may establish its coal depot, pending approval of both governments. The place of the coal station is set forth on the attached map.

For the Imperial German Government

R. v. Bennigsen

For the Royal Spanish Government

Ricardo de Castro

(Document in Spanish follows)
On board JAGUAR

November 19

To the Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin

Attached records which were adopted on the occasion of the transfer of the East and West Carolines as well as the Marianas: the deliberations on the suitability of the space for the establishment of coal stations, to be reserved for the Royal Spanish Government as of article III of the contract of (?) 30, 1899; as well as the copy of the most high decree of July 18, 1899, which was read by me during the hoisting of the flag, obediently submitted:

Sketches made by the Spanish Administration concerning the emplacement of the coal stations lacked the required precision. It was however shown and delineated in the presence of the concerned Spanish Governor, the Spanish transfer agent, myself, and the local administration officials. No error can therefore arise.

The representative of the Spanish Government suggested a space by the station on Yap instead of Palau, which seems to raise no objections; even if its position for the ------ administration may be of value and of use. I have therefore raised no objection to the Spanish proposition.

I have incidentally repeatedly indicated to the Spanish transfer agent at the transfer deliberations as representative of the Imperial Government
that, without doubt, the agreed-upon sites of the coal stations would only be at the disposition of the Spanish Government, but not an abdication of the right of usage. In the last transfer record concerning the Marianas, a corresponding remark to that effect was entered.

II ad acta

The Imperial Governor

R. v. B.
Summarization: Request to grant decorations to Spanish officers and civil servants for their willing and courteous cooperation during take-over proceedings; with list of recipients, three of whom had already been decorated.
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From: Comision de Seleccion, Transporte del Material de Guerra
To: Governor von Bennigsen
Date:
Subject:
Island:

Governor von Bennigson - Saipan

Colonel Eugenio de Blanco of the Royal Spanish Military (copy to the Colonial Division, Berlin)

November 28, 1899

Transfer of Spanish property

Summarization: Expression of gratitude for surrender of military barracks with the promise of relating this generosity to Foreign Office in Berlin.

To the copy of this letter was attached a memo: mentioning gift of boat to district administrator Fritz and requesting decoration for Colonel de Blanco.
From: Dr. Krueger, German Consulate, Manila
To: Imperial Government, Ponape
Date: August 21, 1899
Subject: Spanish Government's instruction for transfer of the islands
Islands: Palau - Carolines - Marianas

German Consulate Manila, August 21, 1899
S. No. 817
2 enclosures

Received on board KUDAT October 22, 1899

I have had the opportunity here to gain insight into the telegraphic instructions on the measures with which the Spanish intend to proceed with the transfer of property etc. to Germany.

Assuming that consent of the Spanish Governors’ instructions may be of interest to the Imperial Government, I have the honor to submit the text and translation of the telegram in question.

The Imperial Consul, Dr. Krueger

To the Imperial Government
Ponape

Note: I have sent copy of the telegram to the Foreign Office.

Enclosure 1 to letter S. No. 817

COPY. (Spanish text follows.)
Enclosure 2 to letter S. No. 817.

TRANSLATION

The steamer ALAVA must be in Ponape before September 22. Bennigsen, the German Commissioner, authorized with the transfer of possession of Palau, the Carolines, and Mariana Islands, arrives at the above site on the 26th. Recommended that the transfer formalities take place in the capitals of the three island groups: that the Spanish and German flags be saluted; that the respective Governors in the name of Spain and Mr. Bennigsen in the name of Germany, sign the protocol on this matter in duplicate. The cordial relationships between the two countries exclude any thought of difficulties. If, however, these should arise, they should be settled, and if in extreme situation, submitted for decision to both governments. Those of the native troops wishing to join the German services may transfer with weapons and munition after previous assessment. The price will have to be reimbursed from Government to Government. The ALAVA is in charge of the evacuation of the Spanish personnel and all accounting documents. Remaining files are to be left to the Germans, if of use to them. Description of sites of coal stations, designated to Spain, to be documented in protocol with attached plan of sites. These instructions to be taken along by the ALAVA and conveyed to the Governors. The proceedings to be in every respect in the spirit of understanding and sincere friendship with which Spain and Germany wish to be united.
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From: Dr. Krueger, German Consulate, Manila
To: Imperial Government, Ponape
Date: August 21, 1899
Subject: Spanish Government's instruction for transfer of islands
Islands: Palau - Carolines - Marianas

Summarization: Content of telegram from Spanish Government to Spanish military administration of islands: guidelines to execute transfer—stressing the cordial relationship between the two governments. Weapons and munitions to be left behind for a reasonably assessed amount.

Telegram in both Spanish and German.
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Imperial Vice Governor Dr. Hahl, New Guinea
Date: July 20, 1899
Subject: The signing of transfer ordinance
Island: Carolines

Summarization: Concerns protocol of signatures to the proclamation of transfer of the islands.
His Majesty's ship ARGONA visited last year the Mariana and Caroline Islands, and gave the Squadron leader, Vice Admiral von Diederich, a travel report containing very interesting data. A copy of this report was obtained for consular files at my request.

As I am not aware whether the report in question was made available to the Foreign Office by the Navy's Superior Command, I am inclined, after receiving a short while ago a private letter, that this was omitted. I therefore have the honor to send the attached copy for your cognizance.

I wish to add the following for general information.

O'Keefe, residing in Yap, has in the past on several occasions caused inconvenience to the consulate. The case Consen is deserving of mention: O'Keefe, envious of the trade by this competitor, accused the above-named of attempted murder. He knew how to prevail through his influence (monetary) with the Spanish Administration, to have Consen arrested and transferred to Manila, where he was only set free after lengthy proceedings.
O'Keefe has lately given no cause for discord.

In the, as yet, undecided, not fully resolved case of inheritance "Blechert," O'Keefe still collects the outstanding claims. I would be grateful for your effort to intervene in the position of the case and pressure O'Keefe for a speedy conclusion, should the occasion arise.

The Imperial Consul

Dr. Krueger
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From: Dr. Krueger, Imperial German Consulate, Manila
To: Imperial Government, Ponape

Date: August 17, 1899

Subject: Trader O'Keefe

Islands: Yap - Palau - Marianas

Summarization: Information about trader O'Keefe's reprehensible conduct, and caution as to his further actions.

(For further details, see attached.)
Addendum:

"Last year the S.S. ARCONA visited the Marianas and Carolines and has surrendered an interesting account of this journey.

I received a copy of these accounts for the consular files upon my request. As I do not know whether the documents in question were submitted to the Foreign Office by the High Command of the Navy, I am inclined to believe that this was neglected. I therefore send you a copy for your information.

For general information, I would like to add the following:

O'Keefe, living on Yap, has in years past caused trouble to the local consulate on several occasions. The case of Consen should be mentioned: Because of business envy against this competitor, he accused Consen without truth of attempt of murder, and through his (money) influence with the Spanish administration, caused to have Consen arrested and transported to Manila where he was only set free after lengthy proceedings.

O'Keefe has not given cause for the dissension.

In the case of Blechert Inheritance, not yet fully settled, O'Keefe still draws on outstanding claims in Palau islands. If there is occasion to pressure O'Keefe to a speedy conclusion, I would be most grateful for this intervention.
Summarization: Suggests payment of DM 3000 for old herds of cattle roaming on Tinian and claimed by the Spanish government. The payment is to be made as safeguard in case of private ownership as well as a recognition of Spanish government's courtesies during the transfer of the islands. Declines however to acquire old buildings on Tinian.
From: Governor von Bennigsen

Text illegible.
From: Administrator Fritz, Imperial District Office, Saipan
To: Imperial Governor of German New Guinea, von Bennigsen, Herbertshoehe
Date: December 5, 1899
Received, Herbertshoehe: April 23, 1900

Subject: Cattle
Islands: Tinian - Saipan

Summarization: The decision whether or not the cattle were the property of the Spanish administration might be clarified through documents in the possession of the American Government on Guam. The document suggests that the government in Washington might be approached to lend these documents to the Saipan administration. These Spanish documents relate to the history and legislation of the Marianas.

Cattle were brought to Tinian approximately one century previously from Mexico. Herds roamed wild and were decimated by wild dogs.

In the 1870's the land was leased to an Englishman, Williams, for the exploitation of the herd; cost of $300 p.a. (i.e. DM 600 p.a.). Williams died in 1876 and the lease was discontinued. No files are available.

Submits that the cattle not be bought by the German government.
Summarization: Advising of Imperial Ordinance to regulate jurisdiction in the island districts and in that case suspending consular jurisdiction.

Appended draft of ordinance: see Document 26.
Draft.

We, Wilhelm, by God's grace Emperor and King of Prussia, decree by reason of the Protectorate's law (Imperial Law ----), for the Island District of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas, in the name of the Empire, that which follows:

1

Laws, designated in paragraph 19 on consular jurisdiction of April 7, 1900 (Imperial Law Bulletin S 213) and relating to regulations of the civil law, are not applicable as far as they concern rights to real estate, mining property, also concerning those rights to which the regulations on real estate apply.

The Imperial Chancellor (Foreign Office, Colonial Division), and with his consent the Governor of German New Guinea, is authorized until further order to determine necessary regulations concerning these conditions.

2

In criminal cases, the principal transactions will take place without involvement of assessors if the decision on the opening of the main proceeding involves a matter which requires the competence of the magistrate's court or
if the transgression belongs within the judicial law of paragraphs 74 or 75.

3

The jurisdiction concerning matters necessitating the involvement of the jury, should be transferred to the courts of first instance. In these matters, regulations of the law of paragraph 8, division 2 on consular jurisdiction of April 7, 1900 is applicable in designated criminal cases.

4

The qualification of the Imperial Court on consular jurisdiction established by the law of April 7, 1900, will be assigned to the court of second instance of the Protectorate of German New Guinea.

The implementation of the Appelate and Grievance Court will be applied by regulations of German New Guinea.

5

Capital punishment will be carried out by shooting or hanging. The Governor of German New Guinea will determine in each case which of the two executions is to be applied.

6

Simple decisions are to be applied for delivery, executions, and expenses.

The Chancellor (Foreign Office, Colonial Division) and, with his consent, the Governor, are empowered to determine the necessary authorizations.
This regulation is to be enacted on ————.

Original, etc.

Regulation concerning the jurisdiction in the Island District of the Carolines, Palau, and Marianas. Of ————-
From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Imperial Governor, Herbertshoehe
Date: to letter of August 4, 1900
Subject: Ordinance
Islands: Carolines - Palau - Marianas

Summarization:
1. Law of real estate and mining at the discretion of the governor.
3. Jurisdiction of court of assize relates to consular jurisdiction.
4. Consular jurisdiction to be assumed by the Protectorate of German New Guinea - also in cases of appeal.
5. Death penalty by shooting or hanging, at the discretion of the Governor.
6. Ordinary means to be applied for the delivery, execution and cost thereof.

From: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
To: Mr. von Bennigsen, Governor of Germany, Herbertshoehne
Date: December 6, 1900 through April 17, 1901
Subject: Secret message - taking possession of reef
Islands: Reef - Palau - Tobi & Helen Reef - Sansarol - Pul - Merir - Yap

Summarization: Urgent request to take possession of reef for purpose of German cable to the Pacific. S.S. STEPHAN to be made available.

Herbertshoehne, March 17, 1901: requesting that possession be taken of Tobi & Helen reef by S.M.S. CORMORAN, and other reefs if above the water line.

April 17, 1901: detailed description of islands and population by Yap administrator.

May 6, 1901: cable from the Governor informing Berlin of the seizure of the islands.

Duplication: pages 114 & 115 = 128; 116 & 117 =126; 118 =119.
SECRET

Following order No. 156 of June 27 of this year:

The immediate seizure of the designated island mentioned in the above order, inclusive of reef in the same area, is certainly recommended in the interest of securing a German cable route through that part of the Pacific Ocean following confidential messages from the Imperial Post Office.

Disposition to extend the journey of H.M.S. CORMORAN to the Palau Islands could not be arranged as per competent verbal information by a spokesman of the Navy's Admiralty staff; only the government's steamer STEPHAN would be available for the seizure.

I request therefore, your Excellency, to hoist the flag on the specified islands on board the STEPHAN with all due speed and certainly before the beginning of your leave in Australia, or to delegate District Administrator Senfft, in case and against all expectations, the warship could not be made available.

Request to report on the matter.

Foreign Office, Colonial Division
Stuebel
Yap, March 17, 1901

Enclosure

I have the honor to submit to the command for information attached copy of a secret order of the Foreign Office concerning the seizure of some small islands and reefs with the most humble request to execute the seizure of the island Tobi and Helen Reef while present in Yap. I have effected the seizure of the island Sonsorol, Pul, and Merir. It was impossible to reach also Tobi and Helen Reef during my journey, as the STEPHAN cannot store sufficient coal. The journey would be of great difficulty for the small STEPHAN and could only be carried out by proceeding there and returning immediately to Yap. Seizure of others than Helen Reef are to be included in case they are located above sea level in this area.

I request reports about these events.

R. v. Bennigsen

II. To Files. Re-submit to me before --------- (illegible)

R.v.B.

Re-submit on May 1

R.v.B.

---submitted W 5/1

H. the 6.V.1901

Attached to the other transactions

R.v.B.
The Imperial District Administration in Yap

I inform you humbly that, arriving here, I neither met the MOEWE (Seagull) nor the CORMORAN nor the EBERHARD. I am therefore not in a position to spare the STEPHAN any longer than absolutely necessary to have the MUNICH hauled. If no warship will arrive there and undertake the journey to Tobi, the STEPHAN will have also to hoist the flag on Tobi and depending reefs before returning.

I wish to request humbly that the STEPHAN arrive here the second of April, taking obviously all Lloyd’s justifiable requests into account.

Captain Knoth is to be directed accordingly.

II. Coded Telegram

Foreign Berlin

Flag hoisted soon Sonsorol, Merir, Pul, Tobi and Reefs by STEPHAN or warship.

III. To the files

R.v.B.

Telegram sent with note to General Consulate

Sydney, March 8

Signature (?) W.a5/3
Imperial District Administration, Yap

Yap, April 17, 1901

No. 29

To Order of March 24, 1901, No. 177

Enclosure

To the Imperial Governor Mr. v. Bennigsen

Herbertshoehne

F. No. 276.01 Transfer of the Carolines to the Empire.

I used the time of the absence of the steamer WONG KOI to fulfill the order to hoist the German flag on the island Tobi and the Helen Reef.

I left Yap on the 9th of the month with the Government steamer STEPHAN and arrived early on the 12th of the same month in Tobi. As anchorage is not available there, the STEPHAN had to put in and out while I transferred by boat to land. Already at quite a distance a great number of large and small canoes, densely occupied, swarmed around us and came to our encounter to greet us with loud shouting and repeating "Very good Capitan, allright Capitan." I had taken from Yap a Tobi native with me allegedly the son of the local chief, to use him as an interpreter. Subsequently, however, it turned out that I had to do with a complete idiot. As it happened to be high tide, we succeeded to traverse the Reef and landed without damage. The chief could only be determined with difficulty from a large and shouting mass of Tobi people. The chief was acquainted with the reason of the visit. He was very delighted about the intended hoisting of the flag, and led me to one of his two houses in front of which the seizure took place in the
manner of the attached original protocol. The two policemen, Surelen and Tileman from Yap, both of them sufficiently fluent in Tobi language, were used as interpreters.

Tobi is a small island, densely planted with coconut palms. It is well populated with comparatively well-nourished, tall, and powerful men. The women are pretty and well proportioned; numerous children witness a healthy race. I estimate approximately 500 to 600 inhabitants. By and large they speak the same language as the inhabitants of the east and south islands of my district, however with great differentiation of dialects. The Malayan police sergeant asserts that the inhabitants of the large neighboring Moluccan island, Elmaheira (Gilolo), are quite similar in appearance as well as behavior. A comparatively large proportion of the Tobi people were clothed. The others' clothing consisted of a narrow loin-cloth for men, and the short stiff blanket for women. Houses are built in the same casual construction as those on the islands Merir, Pul, and Sansorol, consisting only of palm frond-covered gables. Fireplaces are located inside the huts. Apart from the dwellings there are many shelters on land protecting the numerous solidly-built canoes from rain and sun. The people of Tobi make excellent rope, wooden bowls, and boxes. I exchanged tobacco, for which they have a lively desire, for some of these.

I have taken some people to Yap. Should they succeed with the work, Tobi would be a fruitful field for acquisition and thereby in this direction
significant. Purchase of copra can however not be considered, even though densely stocked as already mentioned before. The large population consumes all nuts for food, thus only a few are offered for sale.

The Helen Reef is widely scattered and is situated in some areas under water; it rises in others above and into small sand islands which are supposed to change in number and size according to sand movement. Supposedly the strong breakers are usually the rule. We struck it favorably as the traverse with necessary materials offered no difficulty.

On the return journey we passed by the islands Pul, Sansorol, and Ngulu/Matelotas. I landed on all islands for a short time. I found the recently implanted pillars in order, and left a flag with the chief of Pul. Ngulu is an atoll with two inhabited islands. The few inhabitants are the same as on Yap, and also belong politically to it. They pay tribute to the chief of Gorror on Yap. Their houses are singled out by their careful and sturdy construction with stone base with layered plank walls. The surroundings of the houses are exceedingly clean and closely planted with palm trees. I was informed that the (off page) has taken a heavy toll. I have seen (off page) children.

I have taken with me some people from Pul and Sansorol as laborers.

I. Telegram Foreign Berlin Herbertshoehe 5/7/1901
Hoisting of flag on Tobi and Helen Reef executed by Senfft on STEPHAN.
Bennigsen
II. To Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin via Hong Kong

Following the report of 3/12 V.F. No. 240 N. 252 and telegram of 5/6.

I have the honor to submit immediately to the Foreign Office the copy of the attached report of April 17 of the Imperial District Administrator in Yap concerning the seizure of the island of ---- (off page) and the Helen Reef. The protocol of the seizure is attached in the original.

II. to files.

T.I.G.

R.v.B.

VA. 412/01

Report No. 3r.

Foreign Berlin

---------(coded telegram)

Bennigsen

Hoisting flag on Tobi and Helen Reef executed by Senfft with STEPHAN.

Imperial Government
Herbertshoehe
September 7, 1901
J. No. 801

No more of use here.

To the Imperial Government, Herbertshoehe.

Yap, May 8, 1902

Senfft.

To files.

H. 9/8
From: Imperial Vice Governor Berg, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: October 7, 1901
Subject: Trade - shipping
Islands: Carolines - Marianas - Marshall Islands

Summarization: Prospect of trade in the island area—discussion and advise on the establishment of one central point for administrative purposes related to trade, trade routes, produce, and traders. Stresses East Carolines as economically important, demonstrated by German, American, Spanish, and Japanese trade and plantations.
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From: Nusa
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: January 12, 1901
Subject: Establishment of Central Administration
Island: Ruk - Ponape

Summarization: Considers both islands’ advantages and disadvantages.

Decides for Ponape as the already established center for trade, missions, and established governmental seat, unless Truk more advantageous for shipping, as its harbor can accommodate large shipping and coal depots.
From: Imperial Vice Governor Berg, Ponape
To: Foreign Office, Colonial Division, Berlin
Date: April 11, 1902
Subject: Lawsuits
Island: East Carolines

Summarization: No evidence available of pending lawsuits in the East Carolines.
Content (of Vol. I): Proceedings of Spanish times