MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY:

Subject: Civilian Governor, Territory of Hawaii

1. Mr. Lee P. Warren, who generally speaks in the behalf of Mr. Walter Dillingham, called on Saturday afternoon regarding the return of certain powers formerly invested in the civilian governor of the Territory of Hawaii but now, since military law has been declared, in the hands of the military governor.

2. Mr. Warren stated that the new civilian governor had already convinced Mr. Ickes that more power should be returned to him and had partly convinced Attorney General Biddle of the necessity for this. He further stated that the civilian governor of Hawaii was scheduled to visit the President early next week, probably Tuesday, and Mr. Warren felt that unless the Army and Navy expressed themselves in accord against the return of these powers, this would be done.

3. I have imparted the above information to Vice Admiral Horne, who suggested that this be passed on to Admiral Leahy for his information. In the absence of Under Secretary Forrestal, I transmitted the information to Captain McCree, who stated that, although Admiral Leahy was sick, he would give him the above the next time he saw him.

4. Vice Admiral Horne feels that a conference between the Secretaries of War and Navy at an early date is needed to clarify the above matter before final action is taken.

Very respectfully,

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Frank E. Beatty