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My dear Colonel McFarland:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 14, 1944 enclosing a copy of the "Assumptions for Planning for Civil Affairs for the Period of Military Occupation", as approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In as much as the opinion of the Department of State was requested during its formulation of this document it seems desirable to call to your attention four points of interest to the Department.

1. Item 8 with regard to China is expressed in a manner which it is believed might be misconstrued by the Chinese in the event that it were to become known to them. It is suggested that the Joint Chiefs of Staff may wish to consider revising the phrasing of this item to read along lines as follows:

"8. In China, in combat zones occupied by forces under United States Command, the United States should be prepared to assume full responsibility for civil affairs administration, although it is contemplated that Chinese will ~~if not all, civil affairs administration in such zones can be turned over promptly to the Chinese~~".

2. It is noted that no reference is made in item 8 to Hainan. In the formulation of the earlier drafts of this document Hainan was

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be used in operational areas to the extent permitted by the exigencies of the military situation and Chinese total administration will be entered as soon as military

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was always specifically mentioned in the paragraph on China. Omission in the draft under reference would seem to suggest that a different treatment of Sainan is intended.

3. It is believed that in item 11 relating to Sarawak, Brunei and British North Borneo, the formula set forth in CCS 190/10/D would be preferable to the present phraseology. It might be politically inadvisable for the United States military commander to relinquish control of civil affairs until after the conclusion of combat operations.

4. No reference is made to French Indo-China.

Sincerely yours,

It is assumed that