

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION—PERSONAL INJURY TO
RESIDENTS OF GUAM

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION TO PAY CLAIMS FOR DEATH OR
PERSONAL INJURY TO RESIDENTS OF GUAM, AMOUNTING
TO \$61,478.26

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Appropriations and ordered to be printed

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 5, 1947.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress an estimate of appropriation submitted by the Navy Department to pay claims for death or personal injury to residents of Guam, in the amount of \$61,478.26, which have been considered and adjusted under provisions of the act of November 15, 1945, Public Law 224 (59 Stat. 582), and which require an appropriation for payment.

The necessity of the appropriation asked is explained in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, in whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., April 4, 1947.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration an estimate of appropriation submitted by the Navy Department to

pay claims under the provisions of Public Law 224, approved November 15, 1945 (59 Stat. 582), and which require an appropriation as follows:

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DAMAGE CLAIMS

For payment of claims for death or personal injury, under the provisions of Public Law 224, approved November 15, 1945 (59 Stat. 582), as fully set forth in Senate Document numbered —, Eightieth Congress. \$61,478.26----- \$61,478.26

Public Law 224 provides for settlement of claims arising in Guam on account of damage to, or loss or destruction of, public or private property, real and personal, the result of or incident to hostilities or hostile occupation, or noncombat activities of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or individual members thereof. It further authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to certify to Congress any claim for death or personal injury to residents of Guam, deemed meritorious, and arising under conditions herein set forth as a basis for property-damage claims.

The letter of the Secretary of the Navy submitting the estimate is transmitted herewith.

In accordance with the provisions of the act providing for these submissions I recommend that this estimate be transmitted to Congress.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES E. WEBB,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
Washington, March 6, 1947.

Hon. JAMES E. WEBB,
Director, Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. WEBB: Public Law 224, Seventh-ninth Congress, approved November 15, 1945, provides for the settlement of claims for damage occurring in Guam on account of damage to, or loss or destruction of, public property, both real and personal, or on account of damage to, or loss or destruction of, private property, both real and personal, of residents of Guam, when such damage, loss or destruction is the result of or incident to hostilities or hostile occupation, or is caused by or incident to noncombat activities of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps forces, or individual members thereof. It is further provided thereunder that the Secretary of the Navy shall have authority, if he deems any claim in excess of \$5,000 or any claims for death or personal injury to residents of Guam arising under the conditions herein set forth as a basis for property damage claims, to be meritorious, to certify such amount to Congress.

The Secretary of the Navy has ascertained, adjusted, and determined the claims set forth below to be just, reasonable and meritorious. These claims arose on Guam and were presented in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 224. The amounts found due the claimants, which claimants have agreed to accept in full satisfaction and final settlement of their claims, are hereby certified as having been

determined to be of the character contemplated by the provisions of the act for report to Congress for its consideration.

It is recommended, therefore, that the claims below be submitted to Congress for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor. A brief statement of the character of each claim, the amount claimed and the amount allowed follows:

1. Regina Manibusan Reyes, Tutujan, Sinajana, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Henry Mendiola Reyes, met his death by execution by the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,767.31.

Rosario Blas San Augustin, Sinajuna Village, Guam. On December 12, 1944, on Guam during the United States occupation, claimant's deceased husband, Jose San Augustin San Augustin, was shot and killed by a native combat patrol searching for Japanese stragglers.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$3,376.83.

3. Rosa Camacho Salas, Barrigada Village, Guam. On July 25, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant's deceased husband, Antonio San Nicolas Salas, met his death by execution by the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,483.66.

4. Conception Crisostomo Camacho, Tutujan, Sinajana, Guam. During July 1944 on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant's deceased husband, Victoriano Perez Camacho, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount awarded, \$2,072.41.

5. Joaquin Talabera Quichocho, Sinajana Village, Guam. On October 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States occupation, claimant's deceased husband, Vicente Quichocho Quichocho, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,263.49.

6. Maria Mofnas Cruz, Yona, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Francisco Cruz Cruz, met his death by execution by the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$4,000.

7. Carmen Fernandez Quichocho, Yona, Guam. On July 29, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Jesus Cabrera Quichocho, met his death by execution by the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,937.78.

8. Regina Sablan Santos, Sinajana Village, Guam. On July 22, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Carlos Mariano Santos, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$2,226.50.

9. Natividad Cruz Pangelinan, Yona Village, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband Francisco Baza Pangelinan, met his death by execution by the Japanese

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount awarded, \$1,128.58.

10. Engracia Acfalle Mesa, San Ramon, Agana, Guam. On July 25, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, Felicidad Acfalle Acfalle was hit by shrapnel and died as a result, leaving two daughters in the care of his cousin, claimant.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$293.28.

11. Nieves Aguon Taisipig, Yona, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Jesus Taitingfong Taisipig, met his death by execution by the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,479.88.

12. Ana Cepeda Taitingfong, Barrigada Village, Guam. On June 18, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant's deceased husband Francisco Borja Taitingfong, met his death by an American strafing plane.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount awarded, \$1,604.01.

13. Dolores Aguon Cruz, Merizo, Guam. On July 16, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant's deceased husband, Vicente Chargualaf Garrido, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$665.45.

14. Maria Cruz Delgado, Tutujan, Sinajana, Guam. On June 14, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant's deceased daughter, Ana Cruz Delgado, met her death during a strafing attack.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$750.40.

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15. Ursula Zamora Santos, Asan, Guam. On July 28, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Jouquin Camacho Santos, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,661.19.

16. Josefa Guerrero Benavente, Dededo, Guam. On August 5, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, Juan M. Guerrero met his death at the hands of the Japanese, leaving two minor children in the care of his sister, claimant.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,985.44.

17. Dolores Castro Blas, Sinajana, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased son, Juan Castro Blas, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,880.

18. Rosa Aguigui De Gracia, Palai, Piti, Guam. On July 12, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant's deceased son, Clement Aguigui De Gracia, met his death as a result of shrapnel wounds received during the United States bombardment.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$1,200.

19. Isabel Gogo Toves, Yona, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Ramon Siguenza Toves, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$966.42.

20. Dolores Quichocho Royos, Yona Village, Guam. On August 9, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant's deceased husband, Jose Cruz Royos, met his death at the hands of the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$4,000; amount allowed, \$2,133.26.

21. Maria Rosa Crisostimo, Sinajana Village, Guam. On September 12, 1944, on Guam during the United States occupation, claimant's deceased husband Faustino Cruz Crisostimo, died as the result of a beating inflicted by the Japanese.

Amount claimed, \$5,000; amount allowed, \$665.10.

22. Rosario Benavente Pablo, Sinajana, Guam. On August 6, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant was injured due to combat action of the armed forces of the United States. As a result of said injury, claimant's right leg was amputated and she is 60 percent permanently disabled.

Amount claimed, \$10,000; amount allowed, \$3,296.92.

23. Jose Cepeda Taitingfong, Maimai, Guam. On June 8, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant was injured due to combat action of the armed forces of the United States. As a result of said injury, claimant's right hand was amputated and he lost the sight of his left eye. As a result he is 85 percent permanently disabled.

Amount claimed, \$10,000; amount allowed, \$4,000.

24. Magdalena Mendiola Iglesias, Piti, Guam. On August 2, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant, a minor, was injured due to combat action of the armed forces of the United States. As a result of said injury the claimant's left hand was amputated and she is 50 percent permanently disabled. Claimant's legal guardian is Jose Quitugua Iglesias.

Amount claimed, \$2,700; amount allowed, \$2,700.

25. Isabel Mendiola Iglesias, Piti, Guam. On August 2, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant, a minor, was injured due to combat action of the armed forces of the United States. As a result of said injury the claimant's left leg was amputated and she is 60 percent permanently disabled. Claimant's legal guardian is Jose Quitugua Iglesias.

Amount claimed, \$3,000; amount allowed, \$3,000.

26. Mariano Agun Anderson, Santa Rita, Guam. On December 8, 1941, on Guam during the Japanese invasion, claimant was injured due to combat action of the Japanese armed forces. As a result of said injury claimant's left leg was amputated and he is 60 percent permanently disabled.

Amount claimed, \$10,000; amount allowed, \$3,965.62.

27. Francisco Cruz Dungca, Tamunig, Dededo, Guam. During 1942, on Guam during the Japanese occupation claimant was injured due to Japanese noncombat activities. As a result of said injury the claimant's right leg was amputated and he is 60 percent permanently disabled.

Amount claimed, \$10,000; amount allowed, \$3,355.24.

28. Isabel Camacho Borja, Piti, Guam. On June 14, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant was injured due to combat action of the American armed forces and the Japanese. As a result of said injury the claimant is 10 percent permanently disabled.

Amount claimed, \$2,000; amount allowed, \$463.32.

29. David T. Perez, Sinajana, Guam. During July 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant, a minor, was injured due to combat action of American armed forces and the Japanese. As a result of said injury the claimant has a 15 percent loss of hearing in the left ear. Claimant's legal guardian is Isabel P. Zafra.

Amount claimed, \$1,000· amount allowed, \$288.23.

30. Juan Cabrera Cabrera, Sinajana, Guam. On July 14, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant, a minor, was injured on Guam due to noncombat activity of the Japanese. As a result of said injury the claimant has a 7 percent disability in the form of loss of muscle power. Claimant's legal guardian is Maria T. Cabrera.

Amount claimed, \$1,000· amount allowed, \$500.

31. Asuncion Nededog Lizama, Piti, Guam. On June 7, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant was injured due to noncombat activity of the Japanese. As a result of said injury the claimant has a 5 percent disability.

Amount claimed, \$6,000· amount allowed, \$172.24.

32. José Lizama Charfauros, Agat, Guam. On July 6, 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant was injured due to noncombat activity of the Japanese. As a result of said injuries the claimant has a 60 percent disability in the form of limitation of motion of the head and neck.

Amount claimed, \$4,000· amount allowed, \$2,187.63.

33. Ana Hart Cruz, Piti, Guam. On August 3, 1944, on Guam during the United States reoccupation, claimant was injured due to combat action of United States armed forces. As a result of said injury the claimant has a 40 percent disability in the form of loss of the use of left arm.

Amount claimed, \$4,000· amount allowed, \$1,305.16.

34. Juan D. Wisley, Santa Rita, Guam. On December 8, 1941, on Guam during the Japanese invasion, claimant was injured due to Japanese combat action. As a result of said injury the claimant has a 5 percent disability.

Amount claimed, \$3,186· amount allowed, \$500.

35. Jose Aguinog Chargualaf, Agat Village, Guam. During July 1944, on Guam during the Japanese occupation, claimant was injured due to Japanese noncombat activities. As a result of said injury the claimant has a 20 percent disability in the form of the loss of the use of the left arm.

Amount claimed, \$4,000; amount awarded, \$1,262.31.

In the above claims the total amount claimed is \$174,886. Total amount allowed is \$61,478.26.

For the information of the Director of the Budget, on January 1, 1947, there were approximately 1,000 claims for personal injury, death, and property claims in excess of \$5,000 pending before the Guam Land and Claims Commission aggregating a total of \$5,616,056.34. This is in addition to property claims of less than \$5,000 which come under the same act.

Sincerely yours,

W. JOHN KENNEY,
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

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Respectfully yours,