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All attached are the documents in the Secretary's briefing book for tomorrow, and below is tomorrow's schedule.

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Aaron

9:00am Secretary's Daily Scheduling and Communications Meeting  
Location: Secretary's Office

9:30am Critical Minerals Announcement and Press Event  
Location: 5160 Conference Room  
Staff: Rigas, Travnick, Magallanes, Tanner, Wynn, Thiele

10:00am Secretary's Monthly Meeting with Asst. Secretary Of Insular Affairs  
Location: Secretary's Office  
Staff: Domenech

11:30am Monument After Action Report  
Location: Secretary's Conference Room  
Staff: Cassidy, Magallanes, Cason, Tanner, Rigas, Hommel

12:30pm Lunch

1:00pm Weekly Meeting for Political Appointees  
Location: 5160 Conference Room

2:15pm Lincoln Monument Tours  
Staff: Thiele

5:30pm End of Year Event  
Location: Secretary's Office

## **AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY**

Office of Insular Affairs

Attendees: Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas  
Nik Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2017

### **A. Hurricane Impact and Recovery in the US Virgin Islands (and Puerto Rico).**

- The Department continues to participate in the White House Principals Committee meetings on the hurricane recovery framework, as well as the FEMA Recovery Support Function Leadership Group for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands (USVI).
- Interior is the lead federal agency on the Natural and Cultural Resource Recovery mission and has deployed teams to Puerto Rico and the USVI to work with the Territorial government representatives on developing recovery priorities and long term recovery strategies.
- Interior's Recovery team efforts in Puerto Rico are complimented by continuing Response work, also being led by the Department. Last week, an interagency team conducted workshops in Puerto Rico on treating mold and mildew that are impacting cultural heritage institutions and their collections. A second cultural resource team continues to work with the State Historic Preservation Office staff to conduct damage assessments of properties on and eligible for the National Historic Register; approximately 200 sites have been evaluated to date.
- Field Coordinators for the six Recovery Support Functions – Community Preparedness and Capacity Building, Economic, Housing, Health and Social Services, Infrastructure, and Natural and Cultural Resources -- have arrived on the USVI and begun to engage key territorial stakeholders and to begin building the scope of effort for their respective functions.
- Office of Insular Affairs Policy Director Basil Ottley was on island Dec 4-19 to assist in orienting field coordinators to Virgin Islands and has been integrated into the FEMA Recovery Management Structure as an advisor. Ottley is also representing DOI on Governor Mapp's Recovery Task Force. Ottley facilitated the Task force coordinating efforts with the FEMA Recovery Support Functions.

### **B. Report on 3-Days Hawaii Trip:**

- Island Group of Financial Officers Association (IGFOA) conference. Financial and Budget officers from each U.S. territory and Freely Associated State provided the latest annual report of their governments' financial and audit standing according to general accounting standards.
- The Pacific Command (PACOM) briefings on China Influence in the Pacific - a similar robust briefing given to POTUS by Deputy Commander, Lt. Gen, US Army - Bryan P.

Fenton and Director Strategic Planning and Policy, Major General, US Marine Corps -  
Joaquin F. Malavet.

- Hawaii Governor, David Ige, and his Directors of Health and Education regarding funding on Compact Impact. These are the funds Hawaii receives from our office annually to help defray costs due to the impact of FAS citizens.

**C. Palau Agreement Funding update in NDAA:**

- President signed the Compact Review Agreement in the NDAA, the first of two pieces of legislation needed to implement the updated CRA with Palau.
- An appropriation of the remaining funds (\$123.9 million) as proposed by the Senate in its FY 2018 Interior Appropriations bill- is also necessary for implementation.
- DOI and State will work together to update the existing agreement and financial assistance schedule.

**D. Bikini Trust Fund Issue (Office of Sen. Murkowski concern):**

- The Mayor and Council of the Kili, Bikini and Ejit (KBE) Atolls in the Marshall Islands requested authorization for full decision-making powers over the annual budget of the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund for and on behalf of the people of Kili, Bikini and Ejit Atolls. I sent a letter last month authorizing this request and a staffer at Sen. Murkowski's office raised a concern. FYI in case she asked.

**E. Inter-agency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) Plenary Meeting in February following NGA Winter Meetings in DC:**

- As Co-Chair of the IGIA with the White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, OIA will send out save the date letters for Monday, February 26, 2018 to territorial governors, congressional delegates and pertinent officials of the Federal agencies.
- This is the forum where the territorial governors and delegates to Congress discuss important issues to their jurisdictions.
- The Secretary (you) generally attend for a portion of the meeting.

**F. Secretary Trip to the Pacific:**

- OIA continues to plan for your trip to the Pacific. Key is securing a military support aircraft. We are working with your Scheduling Office to reserve time. Likely a 10 day trip.

**G. Four Atoll Funding:**

- The health care facilities in RMI are at threat of closing because of the budget and CR.

- The current remaining FY17 funding availability for the Technical Assistance grant to the Republic of Marshall Island (RMI) Ministry of Health's Health Care Program for the 4 Atolls is currently being assessed by OIA.
- The program expects to deplete all grant funding by January 2018. OIA is preparing a partial award for FY18 so the program to continue its services without interruption.
- The 4 Atoll HCP aims to provide primary health care services to the people of the 4 Atolls in the RMI - Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap and Utrok.

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		PRESS RELEASE: Critical Minerals	VIDEO: Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays	PRESS RELEASE: Accomplishments	PRESS RELEASE: Klamath	
					PRESS RELEASE: Land Buyback	
					PRESS RELEASE: M- Opinions on MBTA, Twin Metals	
					PRESS RELEASE: USGS/BOEM NPR-A assessment	
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		PRESS RELEASE: Compensatory Mitigation	TBD PRESS RELEASE: King Cove	PRESS RELEASE: OCS Five-Year Program		
		PRESS RELEASE: Well Control Rule				
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				NICHOLS: Proctor Creek Celebration of Success		

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