

NAVAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
Governor of Guam

Executive Order Number 4-48

TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM

Subject: Availability of Government Lands for Agricultural Purposes.

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of foodstuffs throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient agriculture and growth of foodstuffs on Guam and it is incumbent upon the people to be as self-sufficient as possible, and

WHEREAS, there is a necessity for devoting more land to agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Government lands intended for transfer to the people cannot be transferred until completion of land surveys at a future date, and

WHEREAS, temporary use of Government lands suitable for agricultural purposes is a necessary expedient,

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Guam, I declare that:

- (1) Lands owned by the United States of America and the Naval Government of Guam suitable for the purpose are available to the Guamanian people for agricultural uses during the current planting season, effective immediately, with the privilege of harvesting crops to and including 30 September 1949.
- (2) Any Guamanian may apply for permission to use land by making application to the Department of Agriculture.
- (3) In the event the applicant is determined capable of carrying on agricultural activity of some kind, the Department of Agriculture shall assign a land area to the applicant and then certify to the Land and Claims Commission the determination of the applicant's eligibility and the land area assigned.
- (4) The Land and Claims Commission shall issue, upon approval of the Governor, a temporary permit for the use of the land.
- (5) The applicant shall pay a fair rental for use of the land. The Department of Agriculture and the Land and Claims Commission jointly shall determine a fair rental for the use of the land. The applicant shall pay the rental to the Department of Records and Accounts.

Given under my hand at Agana, Guam, this 11th day of October, 1948.

/s/ C. A. Pownall
C. A. POWNALL
Governor of Guam

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