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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Luncheon with Secretary Udall and Assistant Secretary Carver, Interior; Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Haydn Williams; and members of Mr. Carver's staff, March 1, 1962, 12:30 PM

We discussed Secretary Udall's letter of February 26 on Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. It was agreed that the forward action suggested in the letter was very important now. It was also agreed that this kind of program, in order to have a meaningful concept, had to be articulated at a higher level. One of Carver's staff had described our present policy as merely a custodial one. It was clear that we had to articulate a policy based on a standard of right treatment of any areas which had a governmental association with the U.S., whatever its nature. There was some discussion of the desirability of a general policy statement by the President on this point which could later be drawn on for backing of a variety of specific programs in different places, i. e., Trust Territories, Okinawa, Philippine Islands.

There was some discussion of matters of detail, including the need for Navy security controls in the Trust Territory areas and the possibility of Navy's providing transport and other logistical support to their operations and out of its own budget.

It was agreed that a task force operation would probably take too long, and while this might be a good second stage, the first stage would be to get going in the direction we would like to go now. Harlan Cleveland said his staff was working on a draft Presidential statement of the sort we discussed.

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I discussed the above matter of the Presidential statement with the President this afternoon in connection with Okinawa. He indicated his interest in it.

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