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As you know, there has been an increasing interest in the Department in the development of an agreed policy toward the Pacific Islands. The enclosed draft Guidelines paper on this subject reflects the inadequacy of existing departmental machinery to deal effectively with this matter and with their counterparts in the Departments of Defense and Interior.

My personal view is that FE should have primary responsibility in the Department for drafting and coordinating our position on the Pacific Islands. This view is re-enforced by the fact that the office of dependent areas is being dissolved.

In order to move ahead, I should like to suggest that you undertake to set up an ad hoc committee with bureau level representation to develop a draft position paper. We could then review its finding and consider for publication as a paper in the Guidelines series.

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