## 24) United states government Memorandum



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Mr. Art Way of Paul Nite's staff called this office to indicate Defense Department's concurrence, with certain minor changes, in our paper. With these changes, Defense will concur without outlining them in detail in their letter of concurrence.

Paragraph 1: The next to the last word would be changed to "that" and the ending made to read: "that goa? and still insure the U.S. hegemony necessary for our national security."

Paragraph 3: To be added to the last sentence: "and help make such choice one favorable to the United States."

Paragraph 4: Sentence 1, change "in some relationship" to "in a close relationship" and delete the words "almost certain to be." Last sentence eliminate $2 l l$ words from "a continuing association" to end of sentence and substitute "the continued excluside United States jurisdiction of the Trust Territory is essential to United States strategic posture and security in the Pacific ( $\mathrm{Tab} A$ )."

In the proposed Presidential declaration Mr. Way recommended some change in the last sentence where the words are use? "nt ?
level comparative to those in the United States." The Interior proposals net his objections. In the last paragraph he proposed eliminating the phrase "Thglish-speaking" in the second sentence as this seems selfunident and might raise questions is specifically included. None of these changes would som to be objectionable.

