

April 23, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **W - Mr. Nichols**

REASON: 4/3

FROM: S - U. Alexis Johnson

SUBJECT: Pacific Islands

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MP

REVIEWED BY B. H. BAAS DATE 3/25/87

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With reference to your memorandum of April 4 on the foregoing subject, I have discussed the matter with FA, IO and SA.

It has been agreed that FE will establish a desk which will have the usual geographic bureau responsibilities for all of the Pacific Islands including the Trust Territory. This is, of course, without prejudice to IO's normal responsibilities with respect to the UN aspects. While in principle FE should have responsibility for the South Pacific Commission, it may not be feasible immediately to transfer this responsibility as the function is now very ably being carried out by an individual in IO.

FE has undertaken to draft terms of reference for the new desk in consultation with IO.

FE has also undertaken to redraft the Pacific Guidelines paper in the light of our discussion as well as in the light of the planning papers on "Elements of the Colonial System" and EACB No. 10, "New Policy for the U. S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

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