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Memorandum

To: Mr. Taitano
Mr. Kirwan
Mr. Nicker
Mr. Leedom

From: Assistant Solicitor, Branch of Territories

Subject: Trust Territory Legislature

Please come to Mr. Taitano's office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 2, to discuss, hopefully briefly, the following questions that require answers before there is drafted (for a July 3 meeting) a document creating a Trust Territory Legislature.

1. How many houses, and how many members?
2. How should the members be apportioned within the Trust Territory?
3. What should be the scope of the legislature's authority? See Article II, section 1 of the Samoan Constitution.
4. What should be the authority of the High Commissioner with respect to bills passed by the legislature. See particularly Article II, section 9, paragraph 5 of the Samoan Constitution.
5. Who should vote for legislators, and in what manner.
6. How should vacancies be filled. See Article II, section 13 of the Samoan Constitution.
7. What should be the compensation of the legislators?
8. What shall we call them?
9. What limitations should be imposed as to the length and frequency of sessions?
10. What should be the qualifications for people standing for election?
11. Where should the legislature sit?
12. Do we want a Legislative Counsel, of the sort provided for in Article II, section 20 of the Samoan Constitution?

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