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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

**THE HONORABLE ROSWELL L. GILPATRICK  
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**Subject: Guam Security Program**

Attached is a file Dave Bell referred to me for suggestion as to what would be the best course of action to follow on this matter. Personally I tend to agree with Dave that there is no strong case for continuing the wartime Executive Order 8683. However, in view of the very strong interest of the military in this matter, I feel that it is important to obtain a DOD view as well as the strictly Navy one.

As you know, a similar problem of security exists with respect to the Trust Territories of the Pacific, and this is now under review by DOD in light of the President's policy in NSAM No. 145. He stressed the need, in effect, for bringing the people of the Trust Territories into the 20th century in terms of education and economic development. The working group headed by John Carver that is dealing with the Trust Territories considers the security restrictions in that area to be an obstacle to the achievement of the President's objective.

Obviously, the policies we follow with respect to Guam and the Trust Territories should be consistent and avoid troublesome discrimination in treatment insofar as we can.

I would appreciate receiving your views with respect to the rescission of Executive Order 8683. This is a matter of some urgency. If the over-all problem of determining the minimum security requirements

from a military point of view with respect to both Guam and the Trust Territories is not going to be solved soon, I suggest that we give the Executive Order rescission separate consideration at this time inasmuch as the military security problem can be handled under other legal authorities that would not be affected by the rescission of 8683.

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