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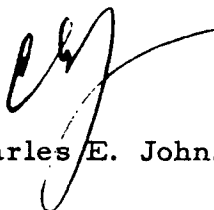
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

Mac--

Here are some action documents for your signature. The whole approach was discussed with Mike who concurs therein and has already talked with Carver to alert him this package is coming over to him.

1. A request to Dave Bell to arrange for the rescission of Executive Order 8683.

2. An action assignment to Carver to draft a Presidential announcement reporting Presidential intention of opening up the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which stems from a joint recommendation of State, Defense and Interior. This announcement will be drafted to achieve three purposes: (a) to get psychological mileage in the area and at the UN; (b) to strengthen Interior's hand in negotiating with Navy on procedural arrangements whereby the "opening up" is achieved; and (c) strengthening McNamara and Gilpatric on the Hill against sniping from Navy supporters who may think "we are giving away the Pacific." I am told that there is evidence at this time that the campaign has already begun. As you know, the Defense decision overrules the Secretary and Under Secretary of the Navy and the Joint Chiefs. However, McNamara and Gilpatric feel the decision is a sound one and was reached after Skallerup visited the area and made a first-hand examination of our requirements for national security purposes.



Charles E. Johnson

cc: Mr. Forrestal