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TO : S/P - Mr. Rostow
FROM : S/P - Ernest K. Lindley
SUBJECT: Pacific Islands

I am pleased to report that the NSC Task Force on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands had a good meeting in Marlan Cleveland's office this morning. Michael Forrestal was there from the White House. I think we managed to inject a greater sense of urgency to the Interior Department representatives and others. Among other things, I emphasized the point that we should have, at least in our own minds, a target date for terminating the trusteeship-- following a plebiscite which, we would hope, would register an overwhelming vote in favor of permanent association with the United States.

More needs to be done, especially in developing the political evolution within the Trust Territory, and in dovetailing the conclusions of this Task Force with those of the FE Study of the future of all the dependencies in the Pacific Islands. A little later on, I will give you a more definite report on this.

Copy to: S/P - Mr. John W. Ford

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