

Mr. Bundy

April 5, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DUNGAN

SUBJECT: Pacific Trust Territories

I have talked to John Carver (Assistant Secretary of Interior) about the possibility of having the President appoint a man to spark and coordinate the various departments in the development of the Pacific Islands Trust Territories. Carver welcomed the idea, pointing out that he had so many responsibilities that his efforts were too scattered.

Harlan Cleveland agrees that Yates would be a good man to do this. What we have in mind is giving Yates this job and sending Goding (the present High Commissioner in Saipan) to the UN Delegation as Deputy U. S. Representative on the Trusteeship Council. Goding would thus assist Yates in New York and Yates would have more time to help out here in Washington. Rex Lee would go from Samoa to Saipan, and Roger Jones has been suggested to replace Lee in Saipan. Would you please in the first part of next week call Udall to tell him that we think it would be a good idea if the President gave Yates the responsibility for coordinating government efforts on the Trust Territories. Yates wants to be sure that Udall approves of this, and I think we want him to as well.

Both Lee and Goding will be in town the week after next, and I would hope we could get all this done then.

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