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TO : IO - Mr. Cleveland

DATE: May 7, 1963

FROM : UNP - Joseph J. Siscoff

SUBJECT: Your 4:00 Appointment with Mr. Anthony Solomon

Mr. Solomon will wish to discuss with you various trust territory problems during his call. In particular he wishes to talk about preparations for this year's Trusteeship Council session beginning May 29.

You will recall that the White House staff requested a pre-publication review of the annual report of the United States to the Trusteeship Council. Mr. Charles Johnson informed us yesterday that the staff was unwilling to release the report until the tactical situation before the Trusteeship Council had been discussed with you. Johnson seemed to feel that the report did not take sufficient credit for American accomplishments in the Trust Territory. Accordingly, Mr. Solomon has invited Mr. Johnson and someone from Interior (probably Mr. Taitano) to participate in today's discussion.

It is possible that the White House staff failed to notice that the so-called 1962 report in fact covers the period from July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962. Reporting on a fiscal year basis has been United States practice through 15 annual reports. The other reports before the Council this year, on New Guinea and Nauru, will cover the same period as does our TTPI report.

Customarily, the Department of State has been concerned to see that the TTPI report presents the United States record fairly and favorably. We have, however, concentrated our main ammunition, including stress on recent accomplishments and plans for the future, in our major speeches before the Trusteeship Council, usually a broad policy statement by our principal Representative and a more detailed presentation by the High Commissioner. We recommend that these tactics be followed again this year. We would of course welcome any improvements in the 1962 TTPI report that fall within the period of the report.

You should have the following background facts in mind concerning the preparation of the TTPI report:

1. Materials for the report are furnished by the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Navy. The draft report is put together by the staff of the High Commissioner of the TTPI and transmitted to the Department of the Interior. This latter channel is our sole source of information on conditions in the TTPI.

2. At a meeting attended by representatives of State, Navy and the Interior, the Territorial Government's draft is reviewed from the

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respective viewpoints of the departments concerned. Department of State representatives are particularly concerned that there be no vulnerabilities in the report that can be exploited by the Soviet Union in the Trusteeship Council and that the report present as favorable a picture of American accomplishments as the facts provided allow. (A graphic example of the Department's editing this year is the elimination of the dilapidated ceiling from the photograph of the Council of Micronesia in session. Cf. attached photographs.)

3. Last year's reports for the Trusteeship Council meeting beginning May 31 were received by the Secretary-General on the following dates: Nauru on May 16, TTPI on May 21, New Guinea on May 29. If there are no substantial revisions to be made in the present report we can do better this year.

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