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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Recommendation that President Receive Three
Distinguished Micronesia Visitors

June 18th
12 noon

Cancelled

As discussed by Assistant Secretary Cleveland with Mr. Forrestal of your staff, the Department of State recommends that a ten minute appointment be arranged on June 17, 18, or 19 for the President to receive and greet three influential Micronesia visitors from the United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). The Department believes this event would afford a unique opportunity to dramatize the President's interest in the Trust Territory. Dissemination throughout the TTPI of the President's remarks (along the lines of the attached statement) and, in particular, of photographs of the President greeting his visitors would provide a tangible and favorable assist to the President's program of fostering the political, economic and social development of the Territory.

The Micronesia leaders are:

1. Mr. Vicente Santos of Saipan, President of the Marianas District Legislature;
2. Mr. Andrew Robomon, President of the Yap Island Council; and
3. Mr. Francis Defngin, Assistant District Anthropologist, Yap District.

Under the auspices of the leader grant program, the three Micronesians will have visited in the Midwest (Detroit, Waterloo and possibly Chicago) and are scheduled to travel to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Miami before returning to the TTPI. During the week of June 3, Mr. Robomon and Mr. Defngin observed the United Nations Trusteeship Council in New York; Mr. Santos served as an Adviser to the U.S. Delegation and delivered an address to the Trusteeship Council that was very well received. Santos is fluent in English; Defngin (pronounced Def-'n-gin with hard "g") speaks passable English; the old chief, Robomon (pronounced row-bow-mon), understands most of what is said to him in English but is too proud to speak the language incorrectly.

The Department of the Interior concurs in the recommendation that the President receive the Micronesia visitors.

W. H. Brubeck

William H. Brubeck
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Suggested Presidential
Greeting.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 14, 1963

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The President should spend 10 minutes while pictures are taken.

Our record out there is lousy and this will be the first time anyone from the islands will have had contact with the Administration.

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Michael V. Forrestal

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SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL GREETING

I am delighted you could visit with me today -- I hope you are pleased with your trip thus far and with your impressions of the United States. We should get to know one another better, not only officially but personally.

I do want you to know, however, that we here in Washington follow events in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands with interest and attention. We are concerned about your welfare and progress. We have already begun a greatly expanded program to speed your political, economic and social development. And we will be sending you next month a Survey Mission to see if there is anything we can do better.

I wish you a most enjoyable and valuable visit in the United States. When you return to Yap and to Saipan, please give your friends my warm greetings.