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December 26, 1963

TO : The Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
THROUGH: S/S *Ho*  
FROM : IO - Harlan Cleveland  
SUBJECT: The Timing of a Plebiscite in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

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Before sending the attached memorandum (Tab A) to the Chairman of the Task Force for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, I would like your approval of the recommendations it contains. The Chairman of the Task Force will incorporate the Department's views in his detailed recommendations to the White House in response to NSAM 268 (Tab B).

Recommendation

That you approve my transmitting the memorandum at Tab A as the views of the Department of State.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Clearances

FE - Mr. Hilsman *[Signature]*

UNP - Mr. Buffum *[Signature]*

Attachments:

- Memorandum to John A. Carver, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, Chairman, TTPI Task Force (Tab A)
- NSAM 268 (Tab B)

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12-12-63 *[Signature]*

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