

July 7, 1965

Dear Hayden:

In a glacially-paced followup to our conversation long ago, I have recently asked State whether there might be some interest in making use of the resources of the Asia Foundation in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

I now enclose a response to my query. The last paragraph suggests that you write directly to Wilfred Goding, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. If you are at all inclined, I would urge that you do so, making reference to the fact that I suggested this approach.

Please let me know what comes of this, as we maintain a continuing but rather ineffective interest in the Trust Territory situation.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

James C. Thomson, Jr.

Encl.

Mr. Hayden Williams  
President, Asia Foundation  
558 Kearny Street  
San Francisco 8, California

STATES GOVERNMENT

UNCLASSIFIED

*Memorandum*

TO : The White House - Mr. James Thomson

DATE: June 17, 1965

FROM : State--SPA - Frances McReynolds *FRM*

SUBJECT: Possible Role for Asia Foundation in the TTPI

Many thanks for sharing the correspondence with the Asia Foundation concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. I had not heard of its interest but have explored with Dave Cuthell and others here in SPA the possibilities of making use of this offer.

There are presently two large projects being undertaken by the Robert R. Nathan Associates and the East-West Center in the Trust Territory. The Nathan group, I understand, has a team of experts there performing consultative and advisory services on a wide-ranging economic development program. The East-West Center is conducting a "school for parliamentarians" in preparation for the first session of the newly elected Congress of Micronesia and has a legislative counsel to follow up after the formal training course.

It occurs to us that there must be a number of small projects-- such as the endowment of a small library for the Congress, scholarships for the Congressmen to get additional training in the United States, technical training for librarians, the loan of such experts as town planners, architects, linguists, etc., who could serve a most useful role in this Territory.

I believe that the Asia Foundation should be encouraged to pursue its offer by writing directly to the Honorable Wilfred Goding, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory at his headquarters. He should know the needs of this area better than any of us sitting back here in Washington.

*FRM*  
FE/SPA:FMcReynolds:rlw