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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/SDM

FROM: IO - Joseph J. Sisco

SUBJECT: Future of United States-Administered Territories
ACTION MEMORANDUM

(below)

As you authorized in response to my memorandum of August 9, I discussed with McGeorge Bundy the desirability of immediate appointment by the White House of a senior official with action responsibility to plan and execute a coordinated program to associate the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the U.S. Territories with the United States as soon as possible in a manner fulfilling our international obligations.

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Mr. Bundy agreed with this idea. He suggested as possible candidates Maxwell Taylor and Buford Ellington, recent two-term Governor of Tennessee and currently Director of the Office of Emergency Planning.

After a careful look at the special requirements of the assignment, particularly the interdepartmental problems and the necessary work with the Congress, we think that Max Taylor would be a good man for the job.

We will have a substantive memorandum for you later this month specifying the job to be done and giving a detailed rationale. It is now out for clearance.

Recommendation:

That you authorize me to tell Mac Bundy we would like General Taylor to be designated to plan and coordinate the program for association of Pacific Trust Territories and U.S. Territories with the United States

Approve AK Disapprove _____

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