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TO : The Secretary

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FROM : IO - Joseph J. Sisco

SUBJECT: Letter to you from Ambassador Goldberg concerning
Colonialism and the Future of the United States
Administered Territories - ACTION MEMORANDUM

In a letter to you on December 22, 1965 (Tab B), Ambassador Goldberg drew your attention to the increasing tempo of anti-colonial activity in United Nations bodies and urged speedy action within the Administration to bring the three U.S. dependent territories (Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands into some form of political relationship with the United States which will remove them from United Nations scrutiny.

As you know, we have had in preparation for submission to the President a suggested program which would involve a major Administration effort centered in the White House to lead these territories into a form of self-governing status in free association with the United States, based on the Puerto Rican model. These proposals have the formal support of the Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but some details remain under discussion with the Department of the Interior. I hope to take up these matters with Under Secretary Carver within the next week or two so that an agreed memorandum can go forward to the President.

We have prepared a brief reply (Tab A) from you to Ambassador Goldberg indicating your awareness of the problems raised in his letter and emphasizing that we will rely on his continued advice and support.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter. (TAB A) DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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