

Recent examples, non-exhaustive, of assistance rendered by the Department of State on matters concerning civil administration of the Trust Territory

Note: The pertinent Executive order, No. 11021, places administration of civil government, and all necessary executive, legislative, and judicial powers, in the Secretary of the Interior. It further provides that such Secretary "shall keep the Secretary of State currently informed of activities in the trust territory affecting the foreign policy of the United States and shall consult with the Secretary of State on questions of policy concerning the trust territory which relate to the foreign policy of the United States, and ...all relations between the departments and agencies of the Government and appropriate organs of the United Nations with respect to the trust territory shall be conducted through the Secretary of State."

(1) Effort to have members of the Congress of Micronesia sent to Hawaii to attend February 1966 session of State Legislature. This began with a telephonic request as to action taken, if any, and advice from State that if the High Commissioner didn't act, or claimed lack of funds, State would try to make funds available, and Secretary Rusk would write to Governor Burns to make sure the Micronesians were treated properly. The request was made in the last week of March, either after the State Legislature had adjourned or in its closing days. (The High Commissioner had in fact sent a group of Micronesians, including the Legislative Counsel, the General Assembly Legislative Secretary, and an assortment of political affairs officers, to Honolulu to attend the session. Congress of Micronesia Resolution 1-31 had asked that all 33 of the members of the Congress attend this session. The resolution was addressed to the High Commissioner, who clearly has authority and responsibility to determine its reasonableness.)

(2) Effort, it currently appears, by State Department to require the High Commissioner to distribute all UN documents throughout the Trust Territory. The Office of Territories, fortunately does not have to wade through all UN documents; the Trust Territory should not have to. Actually, the Trust Territory has made a conscientious effort to disseminate UN documents and, with little cooperation from State, has made efforts to distribute verbatim records translated into the vernacular and tape recordings of parts of the Trusteeship Council proceedings.

(3) Apparent working with Public Health Service to transfer Trust Territory health services to Public Health Service. Regardless of

possible merits of the proposal, Interior became the last to know of the proposal, which was apparently the product of State-PHS consultation. We first learned of it through a low-level request for travel information and have not yet obtained any official information concerning it, although we have sought it. From conversation with State, it is clear that it knows more of this than we do.

(4) Widespread distribution of Ambassador Anderson's report on her Trust Territory trip before we were afforded an opportunity to read it. Our contractor, Nathan Associates actually saw it through the Peace Corps before we saw it. Representatives of other Federal agencies have been referring to it for many weeks. We finally obtained a copy from Charles Johnson. (We did not ask State for one, nor did it offer.)

(5) Peace Corps proposal apparently based in part upon State urging. This may be a case of over-suspicion, but the Peace Corps proposal was based solely upon a review of the Solomon Report and Ambassador Anderson's report. The Peace Corps did not obtain these documents from us.

(6) Communications with Interior Budget Bureau personnel. We recently were called by our budget examiner who wanted to know whether it is true that Mrs. Goding is Senator Bartlett's sister. During the course of the conversation clarifying the relationship the examiner said that "Don Morris said that the reason we couldn't fire Goding was because Mrs. Goding is Senator Bartlett's sister." (Mr. Goding's sister is Mrs. Marge Smith on Senator Bartlett's staff; no relation to the Senator.)

(7) Comments to Bureau of Budget staff that State wants to move ahead with the problem of the Trust Territory's status but Interior is holding back. This comment was passed to us during an informal discussion of the draft TT ceiling bill. Interior replied that we are concerned with the consequences of a plebiscite since we have to live with the problem.

(8) Consultation with PHS concerning actions that should be taken in the Trust Territory on medical matters, so as to permit dramatic announcements by the US in the Trusteeship Council in June. This again may be over suspicion, and we have written State to learn whether it agrees with the diplomatic tactics proposed to us by PHS doctors. But at least one of the proposals made by PHS (that of using the University of Hawaii for training medical practitioners) was suggested to us earlier by State.

(9) Assistance concerning admission of aliens under the Trust Territory's immigration rules. Van Camp is having trouble getting the Trust Territory Government to act upon certain Okinawan fishermen, who have applied for High Commissioner approval to enter in connection with the Palau

facility. After we called the Navy to ask that the Van Camp complaint be checked, we were advised by Navy that State had called the office of the Chief of Naval Operations on behalf of the fishermen. State has not called us on the subject.

(10) Trust Territory air routes. The State Department has carried on negotiations for weeks with the U.K. on air routes, in the course of which it offered a Tarawa to Majuro route to Fiji Airways without even the courtesy of informing Interior or the High Commissioner of its intentions -- and obviously without any knowledge of its impact on the Trust Territory Airline.

(11) State proceeded unilaterally to invite the WHO investigation of health services in the Trust Territory. The WHO report revealed nothing not already known to the U.S., and for which remedies were already in the mill (the preparation of the new appropriation authorization); but some of the inexactitudes of the WHO report gave rise to critical news stories.