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MEMORANDUM TO: IO/UNP - Mr. Morris  
FROM : G/PM - T.C. Pinckney  
SUBJECT : Comments on Draft TTPI Papers  
(Memo for President, Legal Aspects and Background)

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G/PM agrees with what is said in the papers with but two reservations: First the papers assume that the inhabitants of the TTPI would choose a closer association with the United States if afforded the opportunity. Is this assumption based upon identifiable evidence, or does it reflect merely general impressions? If the latter, certainly hard evidence should be sought before irremediable steps are taken. It may prove necessary to increase and expand US efforts to win the loyalties of these people before affording them an opportunity to vent possible irritations through a vote against closer association with the United States.

Second, if we are certain of the pro-US attitudes of the TTPI peoples, G/PM believes the draft papers should go further than they do toward emphasizing the need for all due dispatch in implementation. G/PM strongly endorses the reasons for expeditious handling outlined in the first two paragraphs of the draft memo to the President and believes that to facilitate this goal the following should be incorporated into the package, either as inserts to the present papers or as additional attachments:

- (1) A tentative timetable for the conclusion of each major phase.
- (2) A comparative evaluation of the alternate means of consulting at a fairly early stage with the territorial peoples involved so as to avoid giving them, the United Nations, and world public opinion the impression that we are attempting to present a fait accompli.

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(3) A draft NSAM establishing the policy goal recommended on page 3 of the draft memo.

(4) Drafts of the legislation also recommended on page 3.

(5) Specific references to the legislation now before Congress for which presidential support is urged.

(6) Specific suggestions regarding the Administration's recommendations to the Congressional leadership: timing, form, and wording.

G/PM will be happy to be of any possible assistance in this matter. A vigorous initiative could not only achieve the objectives discussed in the subject papers but could also help to counteract the sometimes public image of the Administration as being concerned only with Vietnam.

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