

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

Walt --

The Peace Corps-Interior special Trust Territory project is under way. I am attaching a memorandum Ross Pritchard gave me today that will fill you in on the specific action steps being contemplated for the next few weeks.

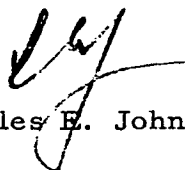
The important thing is that Jack Vaughn and Stewart Udall are going to request an appointment with the President early next week to brief him on the joint program the two agencies have developed and will request his support and the issuance later in the week of a Presidential proclamation that will be the public kickoff of the program and a call for 500 volunteers to work in the Trust Territory.

The Presidential proclamation and statement are in preparation in cooperation with the State Department and I will shoot them along to you when I receive them.

Udall and Vaughn are directly in touch with Bill Moyers to set up the appointment but you may wish to add your voice and support to the proposed scenario.

I am working closely with Pritchard and bringing in the Bureau of the Budget and others as the need develops. Interior and the Bureau are going to have to handle the Congressional problem of ensuring that the Peace Corps campaign will not displace any of the new Interior programs being requested this year and that there will be no legislative limitations that would prevent the Peace Corps from working in the Trust Territory.

For your information the proclamation is going to bear down heavily on the point that the President takes pleasure in calling on young Americans to serve overseas in the cause of peaceful development in an area for which the U.S. bears a great and unique responsibility. The entire enterprise looks like a natural to me and I hope that the President shares our view that it is worthy of a real effort.


Charles E. Johnson