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PROTOCOL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF

THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC AND THE DIRECTOR OF

THE PEACE CORPS CONCERNING PEACE CORPS OPERATIONS IN THE

TRUST TERRITORY

On May 3, 1966, members of the Congress of Micronesia and of the District Legislatures urged the High Commissioner to request Peace Corps Volunteers for the Trust Territory. This request was relayed by cable to Secretary Udall and subsequently presented to the President. In response the President, by letter, requested the "greatest possible involvement on the part of the Peace Corps."

Recognizing the substantial contribution to the development of the Trust Territory which Peace Corps Volunteers can offer and recognizing further the need for an orderly

introduction and admission of Peace Corps Volunteers into the Trust Territory, the High Commissioner and the Director of the Peace Corps agreed to the following operating principles with respect to the Peace Corps program:

(1) As Chief Executive of the Trust Territory, the High Commissioner bears ultimate responsibility within the Territory for the creation and execution of Federal programs. In connection with its activities in the Trust Territory, the Director of the Peace Corps and the High Commissioner will maintain continuing liaison. The Peace Corps will obtain the consent of the High Commissioner with respect to

(a) The number of Volunteers to be assigned to the Trust Territory;

(b) The assignment within the Trust Territory of such Volunteers and the timing of their arrival;

(c) The services to be performed by the Volunteers.

In addition, the Peace Corps Director and the High Commissioner will discuss suitable additions to the training of Peace Corps Volunteers looking toward participation in training by members of the High Commissioner's staff.

In the program development of Peace Corps programs in the Trust Territory, the High Commissioner and the Director of the Peace Corps will seek to include members of the Congress of Micronesia and of the District Legislators to the maximum extent feasible.

(2) In recognition of the need to coordinate the activities of all Federal agencies performing in the Trust Territory, the Peace Corps agrees that Volunteers and other Peace Corps personnel shall be coordinated within the administrative and program structure of the government of the Trust Territory. Continuing consultation by the Director of the Peace Corps and the High Commissioner will be carried out in an effort to maximize this coordination.

(3) The government of the Trust Territory is financed largely by Federal grants appropriated by the United States Congress and limited as to amount by law. Such grants for the year beginning July 1, 1966, cannot be increased in the absence of further legislation. Accordingly, the Peace Corps understands that the government

of the Trust Territory is unable, unless further legislation and appropriations are obtained, to provide substantial financial assistance for the support of Peace Corps programs within the Trust Territory. In the absence of the expressed concurrence of the High Commissioner, based upon Congressional approval, the Peace Corps will not assume the availability of any substantial Trust Territory fiscal support for Peace Corps programs. It should be noted that Peace Corps operations intend to be a manpower supplement at the grassroots level for existing or new Trust Territory programs. With this in mind, the Peace Corps will not seek fiscal support for its activities other than those that would normally be included in on-going or

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new programs. The High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director will encourage participation at the district level in support of Peace Corps operations. Specifically, the High Commissioner and the Director of the Peace Corps will seek local staff contributions from the district councils to the Peace Corps operations and the district centers.

(4) Should any occasion arise in which the High Commissioner concludes that the continuing presence in the Trust Territory of any Volunteer or any Peace Corps staff member is injurious to the program in the Trust Territory, the Peace Corps agrees that such Volunteer or staff member shall promptly leave the Trust Territory.

Consistent with normal Peace Corps operations, the Peace Corps Director may at any time terminate the services of a Peace Corps Volunteer or a Peace Corps staff member in the Trust Territory in the event of performance or behavior inconsistent with the purposes and objectives of the Peace Corps.