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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

THROUGH MR. BROMLEY SMITH

SUBJECT: Ross Pritchard's Proposal for Use of the Trust Territory

The proposal that Ross makes in his October 12 "additional" response to Meyers' Wellington 474 is an important and exciting idea that might easily be shot down by premature publicity. In the covering note that Ross put on the copy that went to Doug he said that he had not discussed the idea with State, AID or Interior. It is possible that he talked to Bill Norwood about it. Ross and I discussed the idea a week or so ago and I suggested that he try it out on Norwood before circulating it around town.

Another angle that will take a bit of delicate handling would be the Pentagon, particularly the Navy Department which is very nervous over too many aliens prowling their country. I suggest that when Ross gets back to town He be asked to take the initiative to firm up ^{some} specific program so that it can be looked at by everybody that is going to have an interest in it.

Charles E. Johnson

cc: Mr. Redmon
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