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Memorandum for Record

From: S/P WUSB

Subj: Meeting of TTPI and their Working Group, January 18, 1967

1. Meeting held in Interior, Chaired by Ruth Van Cleve, Director, Office of Territories, Interior. Others present were

Mr. Kilmer - Interior, Asst Dir Territories

Mr. Crady - Asst Admin TTPI (ex-member 89th Cong)

Mr. Hughes - Office of Under Sec, Interior

Capt. Schuss - State S/P

Mr. Lindquist - State FE (ANZ)

Mr. Skysten - State IO (UNP)

Capt. Haggapple - Defense (ISA)

Mr. Johnson - NSC

Capt. Higgins - JCS

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2. General tour d'horizon. ~~has~~ Agreement that part time to make political progress in TTPI. Many problems - economic, citizenship, UN, etc. ~~the~~ Question is how to get forward? Legislative proposal? Defense has strong strategic interests. Interior recognizes ~~the~~ aspirations of Micronesians. Trusteeship agreement - plebiscite:

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independence, status quo, or new association with US? Not concerned about how Micronesians would vote - few ~~is~~ association with US.

3. State (IO) reported that there was ~~some~~ feeling that a new strong mandate from on high was necessary to inspire progress; ~~Mr. Johnson~~ said this ~~definitely~~ was ~~not~~ Presidential interest required. ~~Mr. Johnson~~ ^{from WH said} this definitely was not so; President's views are clearly known - there is ~~an~~ a NSAM outstanding which directs us to get ~~passed~~ cracking. (IO ~~has~~ previously ~~has~~ said that this NSAM ~~is~~ is no longer effective. It is.) ^{Sec} Interior has responsibility to lead.

4. Problems of Congressional support examined. Pros and cons of appointing a Public Commission were aired. Decided best route overall is to go ahead and appoint a Commission as ~~suggested~~ ^{suggested} by Interior. Defense may have problems about publicly expressing their strategic requirements.

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5. Each Department must ~~also~~ study suggested draft ~~law~~ of a Bill to establish a Commission on the Status of the TPI. ~~Comments~~ Informal comments should be submitted to Interior by January 27th.

6. No department or agency is formally committed by steps undertaken or discussed today.

~~no months~~

~~joint resolution~~
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