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MEMORANDUM

To: S/P - Mr. Owen
From: S/P - W. W. Behrens, Jr.
Subject: TTPI

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You asked me to keep you advised on the meeting with the Under Secretary concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). This meeting is now scheduled for next Tuesday, February 28, at 3:30 PM in Under Secretary Katzenbach's office. We have been included in this meeting; I will attend and assume that you or Mr. Yager also will wish to be present.

The purpose of this meeting, as we have discussed before, is to review the TTPI status for the Under Secretary in preparation for his planned discussion with Interior Under Secretary Luce. Attached is the IO draft to the Under Secretary (Tab A) outlining preparations for the Katzenbach-Luce meeting and an accompanying Discussion Paper (Tab B) for Tuesday's meeting.

I have spent the last two days, February 21 and 22, on the Hill attending Hearings before the House Territorial and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on the subject of U.S. funds for the TTPI over the next few years. Briefly, my impressions were as follows:

a. The House Subcommittee (including Chairman Aspinall of the full Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, who also was participating) is basically friendly to U.S. requirements in the TTPI. They would like to support a reasonable, properly planned program for developmental improvements in the TTPI.

b. The Interior Department and the TTPI High Commissioner have not adequately prepared such a program, perhaps because they lacked BOB assistance. Interior was not prepared to substantiate their money requests with itemized, specific needs and a thoroughly outlined comprehensive program covering

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the next 4-5 years.

c. Lacking such specific programming which would intelligently present Interior's request for a 4-5 year period of funding, the Sub-committee will recommend to the Appropriations Committee that nominal funds for the next year only be provided.

This situation is unfortunate, as good planning and adequate funding over the next years is essential in making advances toward political, social and economic progress in the TTPI.

In view of the Congressional attitude and the lack of definitive Executive planning to date on a concrete program for bringing the TTPI into a closer relationship with the U.S., in my view it seems premature to think in terms of a commission such as Interior proposes. I am in accord with the thoughts expressed in Tabs A and B and have so reported to IO.

*Attachments:
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