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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Mr. Robert E. Kintner *R E*
FROM: Jack Vaughn *Jack Vaughn*

Report on Micronesia

Last Spring, on very short notice, we responded to a call from Secretary Udall and Ambassador Goldberg to send Peace Corps Volunteers to the Trust Territory. The objective was to try to improve deteriorating economic and social conditions.

There are now 458 Volunteers in the six districts. On visiting there last week I found them well on the job, doing the things we have come to expect: harassing contract bureaucrats, living with the people, challenging traditional concepts, speaking the local languages, growing a few beards, criticizing me, and rehabilitating much of the Japanese infrastructure abandoned after World War II.

As I got on the plane in Yap, the senior chief confided to me through a beetle-nut that he wanted eighty more Volunteers.

They are mainly teaching and working on health projects. After four months, this promises to be the best thing the Peace Corps has ever done.

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