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TO: The Under Secretary  
THROUGH: SIS/ML  
FROM: IO - Joseph J. Sisco *js*  
SUBJECT: Proposed Joint Resolution on Political Future of  
the TTPI ACTION MEMORANDUM

Attached (Tab A) is a letter to Charles Schultze of the Bureau of the Budget giving the State Department's formal concurrence with the proposed Joint Resolution "Regarding the Status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" which was transmitted to the Bureau of the Budget in Assistant Secretary of the Interior Anderson's letter of May 10, 1967 (Tab B). The proposed resolution is one which we worked out with the Department of the Interior following your meeting with Under Secretary Luce on April 10.

We have reiterated legal and political opinions in what might otherwise be a routine letter because we have been concerned to find that despite your meeting with Under Secretary Luce, representatives of Interior have again reverted to their earlier assertions that we could somehow end the trusteeship system without extending some form of self-government to Micronesia. We have also suggested Presidential approval of the proposed course of action prior to consultation with the Congress. Given the attitude of the Interior Committees and the proclivities of the Interior Department, we believe the President's authority would have to be invoked to prevent a watering down of the policy guidelines for the proposed Commission.

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Recommendation

That you sign the attached letter to Charles Schultze.

Clearances

L/UNA - Mr. Starr *WG*

EA/ANZ - Miss McReynolds *WG*

WH - Mr. White

Attachments

Tab A - Proposed Letter to Charles Schultze

Tab B - Anderson letter of May 10, 1967

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