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For the File

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Political future of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Mr. Roszel decided that the Bureau of the Budget should call Interior and tell them to prepare a memo for the President. They are to get State, Defense and BOB concurrence on explicit memo of disagreement.

We (E. McKittrick and R. Austin) called Assistant Secretary Anderson and passed the decision along and asked for a memo:

- 1) laying out why we need action now
- 2) recommending specific legislation and
- 3) presenting alternative legislative tactics.

We asked that problems be highlighted where they are serious, particularly as regards effects of probable recommendations on Congress and on the U.N.

Secretary Anderson said he would be able to give us a draft of same for us to look at this week. He anticipates some problem in getting prompt action in State and Defense. We told him the Bureau would lend any help we could on that problem.

6-30-67 - Mrs. Van Cleve sent us a draft memo to the President which meets all of our requirements.

7-1-67 - I called Mrs. Van Cleve to tell her that the memo is good and includes the requisite points. She read some minor changes suggested by Chuck Johnson (JMC). She said that letters to State and Defense will go out today transmitting the memo for comment or concurrence not later than July 10.