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FROM : IO/UNP - William F Eaton

SUBJECT: Meeting between Under Secretary of State Katzenbach, Secretary of the Interior Udall and the Director of the Office of Territories, Mrs. Ruth G. Van Cleve on the Future of the TTPI, July 19, 1967

Don Morris reported the following results of the Katzenbach-Udall conversation:

1 Udall stated that he understood clearly the position of the State Department and accepted State's view that the Trusteeship Agreement could only be terminated by offering the Micronesians some form of self-government or independence.

2. Udall agreed to carry the ball on this position for the Administration and to present the Administration's position in the most positive light when he appears before the House Interior Committee on July 26. At one point Mrs. Van Cleve asked Katzenbach whether he wished for Interior to lie about the present level of political sophistication in the Trust Territory. Katzenbach replied that the manner in which the facts were presented would have a great influence on the kind of reception which the Administration position will receive in the Committee. Udall stated that if Congress decided to apply to the Micronesians the same standards it had applied to inhabitants of Hawaii and Alaska when these areas were still territories, self-government would not be realized in the Trust Territory in the next five years. Udall agreed, however, that different criteria should be used in evaluating the political sophistication and potential of the TTPI -- which, unlike the U.S. Territories, had an international status.

3. Secretary Udall stated that he would ensure that his staff took the same position.

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