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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Leonard-IO/UNP

DATE: June 14, 1968

FROM : REJohnson

SUBJECT: Further  
Addendum to T/L 1136

These are the portions which I propose be inserted in the Secretariat's working paper on the TTPI, which will in turn provide the basic information section of the Council's report on the TTPI. Three of these suggested insertions involve points which were made in the similar document last year but for some reason or other were not embodied in this year's working paper. The balance of the points involve information on specific developments in the TTPI which was reported by the High Commissioner in response to questions. The Secretariat's present addendum to the working paper embodies only the High Commissioner's report of developments in his opening statement.

The Secretariat has concurred in the proposal that, when the report of the TC on the TTPI is being approved in the TC Monday, the US representative request the Council's permission to ask the Secretariat to include this sort of material in the pertinent places in the report (we would be requesting blanket permission rather than detailing or proposed additions).

Attachment:

As stated.

cc: Ambassador Finger  
Ambassador Anderson

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FOURTH ADDENDUM TO T/L 1136  
OUTLINE OF CONDITIONS IN T/FI  
WORKING PAPER PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT

Add to PARA 1 of T/L 1136/Add. 1 (i.e., further addition to PARA 12 of working paper):

With regard to unpaid post-secure Second World War damage claims against the US, the Special Representative stated that claims offices had been opened, the work of examining and tabulating claims was proceeding, and a cut-off date for the receipt of claims had been established.

Add to PARA 2 of T/L 1136/Add. 1 (i.e., further addition to PARA 17 of working paper):

The Special Representative also stated that land commissions were being set up in each district, and that land surveys were being developed and land ownership records updated.

After PARA 29 of T/L 1136, add as new paragraph:

At the thirty-fifth session of the Trusteeship Council, the Special Representative stated that the third regular session of the Congress of Micronesia had established a status commission to consider various questions in connection with Micronesia's political status. He also reported on steps taken by the United States Government in the direction of establishing a United States status commission, responsive to a petition from the Congress of Micronesia.

At end of PARA 35 add:

The High Commissioner is required to transmit to the Secretary of the Interior all recommendations he does not adopt.

Add after PARA 36:

At the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council the Special Representative stated that, in an effort to facilitate more meaningful participation by the Congress of Micronesia in the allocation of funds, it had been decided to have the preliminary budget plan available on the first day of the Congress, or earlier if possible. Furthermore, he said, during the past year two representatives designated by the Congress of Micronesia had attended appropriations hearings before the United States Congress.

Add to PARA 67:

At the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council, the Special Representative said that the present concept is to train Peace Corps volunteers in the various districts in which they will be working.

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Add after PARA 70:

The report of the 1967 Visiting Mission to the Territory said that standards of living in Micronesia compare favorably with those in many developing countries. However, the present economy was heavily dependent on government expenditure, and except for subsistence agriculture and copra production, little use was being made of indigenous resources. In the Mission's opinion the economy was virtually stagnant.

Insert after PARA 76:

At the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council the Special Representative said that a revenue officer was being recruited to evaluate the existing tax laws of the Territory as well as collection procedures.

Add after PARA 80:

At the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council the Special Representative said that in line with recommendations of the Nathan Report steps were being taken to identify certain crops which had possibilities for commercial market-oriented exploitation. To further this effort, the Department of Resources and Development was being strengthened and one or more market specialists were to be added to its staff.

Add to PARA 8 of T/L 1136/Add. 1 (i.e., as further addition to PARA 84 of working paper):

A bill had been introduced into the United States Congress to reduce the tariff on Micronesian fish products entering the United States.

Add at beginning of PARA 85:

All small industries are confronted with many problems, including financing, the availability of raw materials, the search for markets and the packaging and shipping of finished products. In its report, the 1967 Visiting Mission observed that development of major industries in the Trust Territory is not at present in prospect, owing to its geographic situation, small population and paucity of known natural resources.

Add after PARA 87:

At the Trusteeship Council's 35th Session the Special Representative said that new jet air service was commencing linking Micronesia directly with Hawaii and Okinawa, and that a contract had been signed calling for the construction of six hotels, one in each district. Micronesians were to be trained to staff both of these operations.

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Add after PARA 91:

The Special Representative informed the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council that aggregate and crushing plants had just been acquired to help in road construction.

Add after PARA 95:

The Special Representative informed the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council that at its third regular session the Congress of Micronesia had passed a Social Security Act for Micronesians in public and private employment.

Add at end of PARA 11 of T/L.1136/Add. 1 (i.e., further addition to PARA 109 of T/L.1136):

The Special Representative also informed the Council that the Department of Public Health had been reorganized, its Director had been elevated to Cabinet level status, and a hospital administrator had been appointed. With regard to further efforts to train medical personnel, he said plans for the proposed new \$5 million general referral hospital on Pohnpei include the establishment of a nursing school, additional to the school already established on Saipan. Increasing attention was being given to the mentally ill, and three mental care units had been designed. To provide guidance for the development of improved medical facilities, practices, and programs, a health planning and evaluation contract had recently been negotiated with the University of Hawaii.

Add after PARA 120:

At the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council the Special Representative described eventual plans for funding a low-cost housing loan fund, the need for which was demonstrated by the recent typhoon which damaged almost 90% of the individual homes on Saipan. The intention is to devise a fund which would offer low-interest home construction loans to qualified individuals at a very low monthly rate.

Insert following in PARA 12 of T/L.1136/Add. 1 after sentence ending "study" (line 8):

One of the recommendations of the recently completed Stanford Research Institute Report was that there should be balanced emphasis on vocational training.

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Add after PARA 142:

At the 35th Session of the Trusteeship Council the Special Representative said that the idea of a junior college was still being kept in mind, as a long range intent; in the meantime, the aim should be to improve the organization of the present college and university scholarship program. In this connection, he noted that the report of the Stanford Research Institute had included a recommendation for a Territory-wide college preparatory school, something between a junior college and a high school, to prepare and equip Micronesians to take advantage of college and university scholarship opportunities.

Add to PARA 13 of F/L.1136/Add. 1 (i.e., further addition to PARA 150, at end):

Returning to the subject, the Special Representative of the Administering Authority stated that there was a wide range of opinion within Micronesia with respect to the timing of a plebiscite, with many Micronesians expressing the need for ample time to develop an understanding of the alternatives available to them, and the relationships between political and economic self-determination.

Mr. Sawachi observed that the question of timing was for the Micronesian people themselves to decide. He said that in some parts of the Territory the Micronesians were not well informed on political matters but that the schools were beginning to provide relevant information, and he expressed confidence that within a few years they would develop a familiarity with their political problems.

With regard to consultations with the people of the Territory, the Special Representative said that the proposed United States status commission would visit the TTPI and consult with the district legislatures and municipalities, and with the citizens of Micronesia at all levels and in all categories. These consultations would form a basis for the commission's recommendation concerning the timing of a plebiscite and quite possibly concerning its form. This commission would also consult closely with the Congress of Micronesia and the Micronesian Status Commission. This latter body, composed of representatives from each district of the Trust Territory, had already held extensive meetings and public hearings during the period November 1967-April 1968 and would be prepared to submit a progress report to the Congress of Micronesia at its Fourth regular session.

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