

*July to discuss revision*

~~Insurrection~~

I am now addressing myself to a subject which is

painful, but which we must face if we want to be honest in

<sup>sk</sup> stretching out the relationship between Micronesia and the

United States. I am talking about the mutual responsibilities

in cases of riots <sup>or insurrections</sup> and insurrections. In most instances

those unfortunate events should not present any problem

in our ~~mutual~~ relationship. Normally the Government of

Micronesia will be able to handle them itself. And I have

no doubt that there will be no objection to a provision in

an agreement giving the United States the right to intervene

at the request of the Congress of Micronesia, or of the

Chief Executive of Micronesia if the Congress cannot be

convened.

But what happens in the event that Micronesia cannot

or does not wish to ask for United States assistance in

the case of uncontrollable disturbances? The answer to

this question lies in the nature of the relationship between

the United States and Micronesia. If the disturbance does

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does not affect any area for which the United States has

~~assumed responsibility~~ it has no occasion to interfere.

The situation, however, is different where the disturbance

impinges on the functions for which the United States is

responsible, such as defense, foreign relations, and in-

stallations designed to protect the safety of international

shipping and air transport. Thus where a disturbance

jeopardizes the safety of aliens, the international peace

and security in the Western Pacific, <sup>or</sup> the operation of navi-

gational devices, all of which includes the safety of the

United States personnel assigned to Micronesia to perform

United States obligations under the proposed agreement, the

United States must be able to intervene in order to carry

out its obligations, since it owes them not only to you

but also to the international community at large.

There is nothing arbitrary in this position. It is

the necessary result of our assumption of responsibility

for the international obligations of Micronesia. Similar

provisions are contained in section 7 of the West Indies

Act, 1967. I understand that you consider that Act the

model upon which you would like to fashion the relationship

**between Micronesia and the United States.**