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TO : EA - Ambassador Brown

DATE: March 15, 1969

FROM : EA/ANZ - Robert W. Moore

Wanted memo to President  
to be a great memo, but  
at least DOL -

SUBJECT: Proposed Memorandum to the Secretary from IO re  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands - ACTION MEMORANDUM

1. Late Friday afternoon IO asked urgently for our  
clearance of the attached memorandum from Mr. DePalma to  
the Secretary.

2) To me...  
re...  
Ch.../TPI

2. My thoughts on the proposal are as follows:

While we agree with the need to alert the Secretary to  
the political situation in the TTPI, we believe that if the  
Secretary were to call Secretary Hickel it should be with  
the thought that the situation would be discussed only  
between them at this point. (In view of Defense's clear  
interest, we would suggest that Secretary Laird also be  
brought into the discussions.)

However, tactically the Secretary's approach should  
be one of seeking genuine consultation among equally interested  
parties, not one of seeming to say that we know more about  
conditions in the TTPI than does Interior, or that Interior  
has not done its job of administration adequately (even if  
in fact it has not). Specifically we believe it would  
be unwise for the Secretary of State to intervene in the pro-  
cess of selecting a High Commissioner for the TTPI in any but  
the most subtle and indirect manner. (It is not altogether  
clear to us that the High Commissioner is necessarily the  
critical factor in our problems with the TTPI. Furthermore  
the inappropriateness of the rumored designee has not been  
established - at least in the memo.)

We doubt that it is desirable to alert the President  
to the problem in this way. (What is he to do after being  
alerted?) Dr. Kissinger and the NSC staff are already  
seized of the problem. Their review of the situation,  
supplemented by possible consultations among the Secretaries  
of State, Interior and Defense would seem the best way  
of proceeding.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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If, nevertheless, it is decided that the Secretary will send a memorandum to the President, the Secretary should discuss the matter with Secretary Hickel, preferably in advance of sending the memo. And again we believe that the Department of Defense should be brought into the picture.

3. You may wish to call Mr. DePalma to give him our views. (We understand the idea originated with Ambassador Pedersen and Mr. McHenry, Pedersen's staff assistant who was formerly in IO/UNP and worked with TTPI matters.)

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