

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1969

TO: Dr. Henry Kissinger

FROM: Fred LaRue

At the request of Mr. Peter O'Donnell, Republican State Chairman of Texas, I am enclosing a memorandum on Micronesia which was prepared by Mr. Fred Fox of Houston, Texas. I have no idea whether there is anything in this memorandum that might be useful, however, from a purely political standpoint, I would appreciate your having someone on your staff glance through this and acknowledge its receipt to Mr. Fox.

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February 17, 1969

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Advisor to the President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Kissinger:

At the request of Mr. Peter O'Donnell of Dallas, Texas, I have prepared for your review a Memorandum on Micronesia, the United States Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

My qualifications for preparing such a presentation can be summarized as follows: A Marine veteran of the Pacific Island campaigns; an early tourist to the Islands of Micronesia, 1964; for the last four years an unofficial, unpaid lobbyist for the Trust Territories of the United States; a personal friend of most of the political and economic leaders of Micronesia; during the last four years, I have not only visited extensively in Micronesia and attended sessions of the Congress of Micronesia. I have been in contact with many of the leaders concerned with Micronesia in the Congress of the United States, Senator Jackson, Congressman Aspinall, Senator Fong, Senator Inouye, Congressman Meeds, and Congressman Bush. During the last four years I also had many contacts with members of President Johnson's staff and with the Department of Interior and Department of State concerning the problems rapidly arising in Micronesia.

I was not successful in getting the attention of the President of the United States directed toward this critical area of the Pacific and to its future importance to the people of the United States.

Micronesia today is getting much more coverage from the news media than it has had in the last twenty years. All of this new awareness of Micronesia condemn the United States for its past twenty year policy, and for our neglect of development of the economic and social structure of this area of the Pacific.

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If it is necessary to condemn someone for the present lack of progress in Micronesia, we should consider the condemnation of Japan. Japan ruled this area for thirty years and made no effort to expose the islanders to higher levels of education, or toward any form of self-government or economic development involving the indigenous population.

Only today is Micronesia ready to move forward with a new generation of American educated leaders in business and politics. It is true that many of the present leaders of the Congress of Micronesia, representing the people of their districts, speak harshly of the United States and the past twenty years of American rule. Most of these leaders no longer think as Japanese or as Micronesians, but think as Americans. They are ready for progress and they are ready to enter into the necessary discussions which will allow them to control their own destinies. Micronesians feel that this can only be done by one of two ways, either by the independence of Micronesia, or by obtaining recognition from the United States of the importance of this area of the Pacific, not only from the defense aspect but for its importance in economic potential.

Yours very truly,



Fred K. Fox