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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congress of Micronesia, Senate
Resolution No. 13

In response to Mr. Moose's request of March 19, 1969, we have examined the resolution of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia which was sent to the President, and recommend that the Department of the Interior acknowledge on behalf of the President at the same time they do so for Secretary Nickel.

This resolution is virtually identical with Resolution 71 of the Marshall Islands Nitijela (District Legislature) which was passed on October 21, 1968 and was the subject of a memorandum dated December 19, 1968 from Mr. Read to Mr. Rostow. The sponsor of the latest resolution, Senator Amata Kabua, is also the Speaker of the Marshall Islands Nitijela -- hence the connection between the two documents. There is nothing significant to add to the comments contained in the earlier memorandum and to the discussion at the meeting of the Under Secretaries Committee which you attended on March 24, 1969. Clearly the reappearance of a Marshall Islands resolution under the Congress of Micronesia label is another example of Micronesian use of the leverage which their trusteeship status gives them in an attempt to bring about improvement in our treatment of them.

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Both resolutions have now appeared in the form of petitions to the United Nations Trusteeship Council, and we shall be submitting the required written comments prior to the Council meeting in May 1969.

Signed

John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Resolution of the Congress of Micronesia.

Clearances:

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