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TO : IO - Mr. De Palma
FROM : EA - Winthrop G. Brown
SUBJECT: Nominations for the Special Representative to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

At the Trust Territory Subcommittee meeting on April 1, there was some discussion concerning nominations from the participants to the position of Special Representative. Members of the Bureau have had the opportunity in recent months to meet with a number of Micronesians, including some members of the Congress of Micronesia, and to meet with others who are familiar with Micronesia. If the Special Representative is to have the opportunity to be successful, I believe we should keep the following considerations in mind:

1. He must be prepared to inform the Micronesians, or at least the Congress of Micronesia, of our intentions regarding the future of the TTPI. Our lack of willingness even to discuss their political aspirations up to now is one of the frustrations which has led the Micronesian leaders to the present situation.
2. He must have, or be able to win the confidence of the Micronesians. A name albeit well-known, even under the President's aegis, is not sufficient of itself.
3. Ideally, he should be familiar with the area.

EA would like to submit the following names for consideration:

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