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TO : EA - Ambassador Winthrop G. Brown

DATE: April 25, 1969

FROM : EA/ANZ - Robert W. Moore

SUBJECT: Future of the TTPI -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

1. The Committee set up by the Under Secretaries Group to consider the Future of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has submitted its report. This report will be considered at the Under Secretaries Group meeting tomorrow, Saturday, April 26, 1969, at 11:30 a.m. Ambassador Green has been invited to attend.

2. The report contains a minority dissent (as opposed to a position shared by Interior, DOD and JCS) drafted by IO and presented as a Department of State paper. EA/ANZ was not invited to clear. In fact we would not have cleared the paper as it stands for the following reasons:

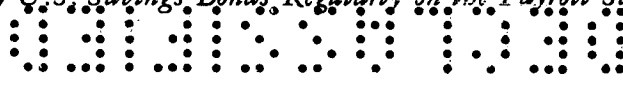
a. In effect it re-argues the policy decision which was made in 1962 that the Trust Territory should continue in some sort of permanent association with the United States. As we understand it, that policy decision was to be the departure point for the Committee's study, not subject to re-examination.

b. It puts forward in the name of the Department a position which is at such variance with the Interior/Defense position, that the Committee has in effect been unable to come up with an agreed recommendation on how the problem is to be solved. It may be in fact that agreement is not possible, but we believe there should have been at least one more effort in the Committee to resolve the split before the impasse was referred to the Under Secretaries. (There has been no meeting of the Committee as such to review the papers, which were produced by a Working Group, child of the Committee.)

c. There are inconsistencies in the paper which may not be fundamental but which should be reconciled. (We can brief you on them if you wish.)

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Recommendation:

That you call Mr. DePalma and suggest that the working level should discuss the problem to see if we can agree on a State position.

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