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SUBJECT: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S VISITING MISSION TO TTPI

I · QUESTION OF PERIODIC VISITING MISSION TO TTPI IN 1970 IS ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING WHICH BEGINS MAY 29 · AS DEPT AWARE, AGREED PRACTICE IS DISPATCH OF VISITING MISSION TO EACH TRUST TERRITORY EVERY THREE YEARS AND LAST MISSION TO TTPI WAS IN 1967 · ACCORDINGLY UPCOMING TO SESSION WOULD, IN NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS, ADOPT RES SETTING UP MISSION TO VISIT TTPI IN EARLY 1970 · MINDEFUL OF SECRETARY HICKEL'S IMPENDING DISCUSSIONS IN MICRONESIA AND OF IMPENDING DECISIONS RE FUTURE STATUS, WE SUGGEST DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER WHETHER THERE WOULD BE UTILITY IN POSTPONING DECISION BY TO ON VISITING MISSION, IF SO, RESUMED SESSION OF TO FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD BE HELD LATER IN YEAR.

2. ANCILLARY QUESTION ARISES IN CONNECTION WITH COMPOSITION OF THIS AND OTHER TO VISITING MISSIONS FROM NOW ON. TO VISITING MISSIONS HAVE ALWAYS CONSISTED OF FOUR MEMBERS AND USSR HAS NEVER PARTICIPATED IN ANY VISITING MISSION. NOW THAT TO MEMBERSHIP IS DOWN TO SIX, CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF USSR MAY BE MORE TROUBLESOME. USTINOV (USSR) COMMENTED THAT, WITH LIBERIA NOW

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HAS IMPRESSION SOVIETS WILL: NOW PRESS MUCH HARDER
ON THIS THAN IN PAST AND HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE HARD TO
KEEP THEM OFF. PARTICULARLY AS THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED

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UNDER EXISTING SYSTEM ONLY BY PERPETUAL RELIANCE ON CHINA ITS USER CONTINUES BE EXCLUDED, MEMBERSHIP OF ALL VISITING MISSIONS WOULD BE FROZEN AT UK, FRANCE, CHINA AND EITHER AUSTRALIA (FOR TIPI) OR US (FOR NEW GUINEA); POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF CONTINUING TO EXCLUDE SOVIETS MIGHT BE TO TRY TO REDUCE MEMBERSHIP OF FUTURE VISITING MISSIONS TO THREE OR EVEN TWO, ARGUING THAT FOUR-MEMBER MISSIONS WERE MANAGEABLE WHEN TO HAD 10, 12, AND 14 MEMBERS IN FAST BUT PUTS TOO HEAVY A BURDEN ON MEMBERS NOW THAT COUNCIL DOWN TO SIX.

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