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EA - Mr. Marshall Green

May 29, 1969

EA/ANZ - Robert W. Moore

Briefing of Frances McReynolds-Smith  
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1. Frances McReynolds-Smith, formerly the Department's Pacific expert and now with the Center for South Pacific Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, will be in Washington June 11-13. Since leaving the Department she has maintained close contact with the Pacific Islanders, and particularly with the Micronesians.

2. She has told me that the Chairman of the Micronesian Status Commission, Lazarus Salii, has written asking if the group which will be coming to Washington later this summer to discuss the future of the Trust Territory with Secretary Hickel can visit her in California for two or three days enroute to Washington. She believes, and I tend to agree, that the Micronesians wish to talk with someone they trust before beginning their discussions. For her part, Frances hopes to brief them on Washington realities, particularly with regard to Congressional attitudes. The Micronesians have used the undefined term, "free associated state," with vague references to the Puerto Rico and Cook Islands models, neither of which is a pattern the Administration wishes to follow in the TTPI.

3. Miss McReynolds would like to call on you in any event,

If you wish, ANZ will provide talking points and Mr. Blackburn will accompany.

Recommendation:

That you receive and brief Miss McReynolds, Thursday, June 12, 11:00

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Briefing Paper for Mr. Green's Meeting with Members of  
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Secretary Hickel visited the Territory May 1-7 to announce the broad outlines of the program. His trip dramatized the Administration's determination to accelerate development and self-government of the Territory. It was the first time a USG spokesman had publicly stated that the U. S. is interested in continued association with the Territory.

Mr. Claus Ruser of the Department accompanied Secretary Hickel. His report is attached.

Attachment:

Memo "Secretary Hickel's Visit to Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, May 1-7."

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