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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLEYSTEN:

Subject: Further Discussions on Status of TTPI

On further reflection, I believe we should give consideration to scheduling an NSC Under Secretaries Committee meeting for the week after next in place of the meeting between Mr. Richardson and Mr. Johnston we talked about on the telephone. Such a meeting would be consistent with the ongoing responsibility of the USC for this matter. It would cover:

a. a report from Ed Johnston and Craley on the political situation as it bears on Hickel's scenario for achieving a plebiscite on an organic act some time in the first part of next year;

b. a discussion of the status and prospects of the action program approved by the President and announced by Hickel during his visit to the Trust Territory;

c. a discussion of the situation in the United Nations particularly in light of the discussion in the UN Trusteeship Council;

d. a discussion of preparations for the Washington talks with Micronesians this fall (if they take place), specifically what kind of preparations are underway in the various agencies and how these should be pulled together.

I will try to set up lunch with Ed Kaiser and Tom Stockton some time this coming week so we can get a better sense of what Interior is doing. Depending on the outcome of this we might want to consider further more specifically what kind of action decision we would like to get out of such a meeting.

Please give me a call after you have thought about this so we can discuss.

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