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REVISED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THE
DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS CONCERNING PEACE
CORPS OPERATIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY

In 1966 Peace Corps Volunteers were first assigned to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia), which is administered by the United States under authority granted by the United Nations, to assist in Micronesia's development. The assignment of Volunteers to Micronesia was requested by the elected representatives of the people of Micronesia and was approved by the President of the United States and other United States Government officials having responsibility for the administration of the Trust Territory.

The conditions under which Volunteers were assigned to Micronesia were contained in a November 1966 memorandum of understanding between the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory and the Director of the Peace Corps. That memorandum of understanding recognized that the operation of a Peace Corps program in an area administered by the United States was unique; acknowledged the primary authority of the High Commissioner in the Trust Territory; and indicated that, in carrying out the PeaceCorps program in the Trust Territory, full consideration should be given to the will of the Micronesian people as expressed through their elected representatives. The 1966

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memorandum of understanding also defined the respective authorities and responsibilities of the Trust Territory Administration and the Peace Corps with respect to the Peace Corps program in Micronesia.

Experience under the 1966 memorandum of understanding suggests that its revision at this time is appropriate.

Therefore, in order to maintain an orderly working relationship between the Trust Territory Administration, the Peace Corps, and the people of Micronesia, to the end that Volunteers assigned to Micronesia may make the maximum contribution to its development, it is understood and agreed as follows:

1. All Trust Territory Administration personnel and Peace Corps staff personnel in Micronesia will make every effort to achieve the smoothest possible coordination and cooperation in areas of mutual concern. The Director of Peace Corps/Micronesia or his representative will regularly attend cabinet meetings held by the High Commissioner and similar consultative relationships will be maintained between District Trust Territory Administrative personnel and District Peace Corps staff personnel. All Trust Territory Administration personnel and Peace Corps staff personnel in Micronesia

will together ensure that the people of Micronesia, through their elected representatives, are consulted fully concerning matters relating to the presence and activities of Volunteers in Micronesia.

2. Recognizing the High Commissioner's responsibility for administration and coordination of governmental and developmental activities within the Trust Territory, and the interest of the Micronesian people in such activities, the Peace Corps will obtain the prior consent of the High Commissioner and, with the Trust Territory Administration, will obtain the concurrences of the relevant District legislatures and the Congress of Micronesia with respect to the developmental activities in which Volunteers will be engaged, the number of Volunteers to be assigned to Micronesia, and the allocation of such Volunteers in Micronesia. Agreements concerning the Peace Corps provision of Volunteers to Micronesia shall be reached in cognizance of the limitations on the Peace Corps' capability to provide such numbers of Volunteers for such activities. It will be the combined responsibility of the elected representatives of the people of Micronesia, the Trust Territory Administration, and the Peace Corps to keep the people of Micronesia fully informed of Peace Corps activities in Micronesia.

3. All Volunteers shall serve under the supervision of local supervisors, who may be either Micronesian or non-Micronesian and in the private or public sector. Such supervision should be exercised in a manner sufficiently flexible to accommodate the three purposes for which Volunteers are assigned under the Peace Corps Act.

4. Trust Territory Administration personnel and private Micronesian citizens will participate in the training of Volunteers to be assigned to Micronesia so that Volunteers may become fully acquainted during training with the status and processes of government in Micronesia, the development plans and activities of the Trust Territory Administration, and the cultures and languages of Micronesia.

5. Should the High Commissioner conclude, after full consultation with the Peace Corps Director in Micronesia, that the continuing presence in Micronesia of any Volunteer or Peace Corps staff member is inimical to the best interests of Micronesia, the Peace Corps will direct the Volunteer or staff member to leave Micronesia promptly. Should the Volunteer or staff member thereafter fail to comply, the Peace Corps will terminate the service of the Volunteer or staff member.

6. The Peace Corps will bear, in accordance with its general policies and regulations, the cost of recruiting, selecting, training, transporting to and from Micronesia, and living and related allowances for Volunteers assigned to Micronesia. The Trust Territory Administration will provide supplies and equipment required by Volunteers in their mutually approved assignments.

7. Specific arrangements for implementing this revised memorandum of understanding will be made by the High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in Micronesia.

Date

High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Date

Director
Peace Corps