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The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is administered under a United Nations Trustee Agreement by the United States through the Department of Interior. Peace Corps effort in Micronesia is primarily to assist the Micronesians in their development by working with the Micronesian legislative bodies and through the appropriate Trust Territory administration programs.

Through the High Commissioner, whose office is ultimately responsible for all United States efforts in Micronesia, the Peace Corps shall coordinate all emerging requests for volunteer service from Micronesian legislative bodies, or their designated Peace Corps Planning/Advisory councils in the various districts.

To ensure the necessary continuing liaison between Trust Territory Programs and requested Peace Corps efforts, the Director of Peace Corps/Micronesia shall be included in the High Commissioner's Cabinet, as a member of the United States Mission in Micronesia.

To facilitate and enhance the Peace Corps Volunteers supplemental efforts to the Trust Territory programs, the volunteers and their assignments will be reviewed and evaluated periodically by the District Peace Corps Director and the assigned supervisor, Micronesian or American, of that specific Trust Territory program. When, for lack of understanding, cooperation or support, either the supervisor or the volunteer is dissatisfied with the job performance or expectancy, all parties shall attempt to resolve the matter in accord with the best interests of the Micronesians. The local district Peace Corps Council (advisory committee, et al.) shall review such situations when necessary, and shall recommend to the District and to the District Peace Corps Director their resolution.

Should any occasion arise in which the High Commissioner concludes, after reviewing the fully documented charges with the Director of Peace Corps Micronesia, that the continuing presence in the Trust Territory of any volunteer or staff is not to the benefit of the Trust Territory, Peace Corps/Micronesia will review the charges with the volunteer and/or staff member. If, after review, the Director agrees that such persons should leave the Trust Territory the case will be forwarded to Peace Corps/Washington with the Director's recommendation for appropriate action, either reassignment or termination. If the Director disagrees with the High Commissioner's decision, he shall so note his reasons and seek resolution through continuing discussion. If this means fails to resolve the issue, the High Commissioner's decision will prevail with the Director documenting his reasons both to the High Commissioner and to Peace Corps/Washington, for Peace Corps resolution.

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Noting the developments that have taken place since 1966, when Peace Corps commenced service in Micronesia, and the Trust Territory budget was inadequate to meet all the demands, Peace Corps may now seek support for volunteers serving in Trust Territory programs in the form of goods, funds for support equipment and services. Such assistance will be through the TT supervisors documented requests with the concurrence by the District Peace Corps Director. Assistance for Micronesian initiated and directed programs will be sought, where appropriate, from the municipal and/or district legislatures.

In the training of new volunteers appropriate Trust Territory staff personnel will cooperate fully in orientation, training and placement of volunteers. The detailed job descriptions of the volunteers shall be submitted and reviewed by the Peace Corps staff, taking into account the objectives of the Peace Corps Act and Peace Corps programming criteria. The distinctiveness of a Peace Corps Volunteers community involvement will be noted in placement and in expectancies. Volunteers are not to be programmed as contract personnel.

This memo of agreement is negotiable at any time when new circumstances and factors warrant its revision. Such negotiations should be in consultation with the appropriate committee (s) of the Congress of Micronesia and with the Congress's concurrence.