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TO : The Under Secretary  
THROUGH: S/S *[initials]*  
FROM : IO - Samuel De Palma *[signature]*  
SUBJECT: Aspinall Plan for Introducing an Organic Act  
for the TTPI - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

We have learned informally of a conversation between High Commissioner Johnston and Congressman Aspinall which, if accurately reported, underscores the difficulties we can expect from some quarters of Congress regarding the TTPI's future status. Aspinall reportedly told Johnston that he wants, by June 20, a draft organic act for the TTPI explaining that he wishes to introduce such legislation in the House during July. When the High Commissioner mentioned consultations with the Micronesians, Aspinall dismissed this process as the last thing he wants.

Although Secretary Hickel would like to be in a position to hand the Micronesians a draft organic act when they come to Washington, he envisages some discussion and negotiation with them. Skipping this step--as apparently contemplated by Aspinall--would be certain to antagonize the Micronesians who already fear that they will not be meaningfully consulted about the nature of their future status.

We do not know what the High Commissioner has said to Secretary Hickel about the Congressman's request but I think it would be quite appropriate for you to raise the matter with Johnston if we can arrange for him to call on you after he finishes his duties at the Trusteeship Council. Moreover, either before or after a meeting with Johnston I would like to talk to you further about organizing a steering group which could monitor all aspects of the status question. I am disturbed by the rather haphazard arrangements by which we are being kept informed at the present time.

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL: CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONER AND PETITIONS

1. PETITIONER ULUDONG PRESENTED TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WITH RATHER EXTREME HALF-HOUR SPEECH JUNE 10. ALTHOUGH ADMITTING IN PASSING THAT MICRONESIANS NOW TAKING LARGER PART IN OWN AFFAIRS AND THAT US RECORD AS ADMINISTRATOR "NOT TOTALLY BLEAK", SPEECH WAS SHARP AND INTEMPERATE ATTACK ON US ADMINISTRATION; E.G. MICRONESIANS REMOVAL FROM BIKINI COMPARED TO TREATMENT OF JEWS; STRONG SUSPICION EXPRESSED THAT NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION OF PEOPLE OF RONGELAP NOT AN ACCIDENT BUT DELIBERATE USE OF MICRONESIANS AS HUMAN GUINEA PIGS. ULUDONG CONCENTRATED STRONGEST ATTACKS ON MILITARY USE OF ISLANDS CLAIMING US USES STRATEGIC CLAUSE TO ENSLAVE MICRONESIANS, DEPRIVE THEM OF RIGHT TO OWN LAND AND DERRIVE THEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ULUDONG SAID SUCH BASES NOT IN INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE AND PLEDGED FIGHT FOR MICRONESIAN RIGHTS IF NEEDED, INCLUDING THREAT OF HUNGER STRIKE.

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2. SOV DELEGATE ASKED ULUDONG ONLY TWO RELATIVELY UNPROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS ONE REGARDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND SECOND ON MICRONESIAN VIEWS OF PROMISES OF NEW ADMINISTRATION.

3. ONLY SOV DELEGATE ASKED QUESTIONS RE PTITIONS AND AGAIN

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INQUIRIES VERY MILD IN VIEW OF OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED. DID USE PETITIONS RELATING TO MILITARY USES OF TTPI TO MAKE EUDGERATED AND INACCURATE STATEMENT OF MICRONESIAN VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS BUT DID NOT INCLUDE ANY SHARP DENUNCIATION OF US IN THIS RECITAL.

4. COMMENTING ON PETITION REQUESTING SOV REP ON NEXT VISITING MISSION, SOV DELEGATE EXPRESSED THANKS AND IN ROUTINE FASHION INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE. IN CONVERSATION AFTER ADJOURNMENT, ROGERS (AUSTRALIA) AGAIN EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR FOUR-MEMBER MISSION DESPITE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION OF ECONOMY RESULTING FROM THREE MAN GROUP. PHILLIPS EXPRESSED PREFERENCE THREE-MAN MISSION BUT WILLINGNESS ACCEPT FOUR. GASCHIGNARD (FRANCE) SAID WLD CONSULT UK, BUT THOUGHT FRANCE WLD GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY, I.E. PRESUMABLY FOUR-MEMBER MISSION. FRENCH DEL INSTRUCTED THEY MAY AGREE PARTICIPATE WITH CHINA ON MISSION.

5. GENERAL DEBATE SCHEDULED WED AM WITH HI COM'S CLOSING STATEMENT EITHER THURS PM OR FRI AM DEPENDING ON SC SCHEDULE.

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