

MEMORANDUM FOR: EA - Mr. Green

I am sorry to be negative about a basically sound idea, but I fear your suggestion that we form an Advisory Panel for the Trust Territory will hit Interior and Defense the wrong way. As you know from the Under Secretaries Committee, Interior is suspicious that the Department of State will go to great lengths to find ways of reinforcing arguments we have made about the importance of devising a status which is acceptable to the Micronesians and tolerable to our friends in the UN. They would therefore tend to view this particular proposal as a device to strengthen our bureaucratic leverage and would probably react negatively. Since harmonious relations with Interior and Defense are critical at this particular time, I am very hesitant to court any possible trouble.

Please give me a ring if you want to hear me out further on my reservations.

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