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**MEMORANDUM FOR REAR ADMIRAL TAZEWELL T. SHEPARD, JR.
DIRECTOR, EAST ASIA & PACIFIC REGION
OASD/ISA**

**SUBJECT: Micronesia "Department of State Proposal
for Elected Governor"**

Mr. Stephen Boyd of the Legal Adviser's Office, Department of State, called this morning to restate the State position that a provision - presently proposed by the Department of Interior - for a Governor of Micronesia to be appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States (same provision for Lieutenant Governor) would be counterproductive in view of the United States Trusteeship Arrangement with the Security Council and United States duties and obligations under the United Nations Charter. The Department of State's position offers very few legal risks as I have pointed out in our previous memorandum and I would recommend that this proposal be given serious consideration.

In the event that Interior successfully presses its position for an appointed Governor, it is our view as noted earlier that the United States would suffer serious risks in the United Nations of strong opposing positions and perhaps subject us to some form of censure. In our view, we would in such event suffer far less risk in maintaining the present status of the Trust Territories of the Pacific under the Trusteeship Arrangement and avoiding further action at this time.

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