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Office of The Secretary

October 23, 1969

Re: Micronesia

Sir:

Elliot Richardson called me re the attached.

Henry Kissinger mentioned to Elliot at lunch today that Secretary Hickel would be calling on the President tomorrow and Micronesia will be discussed. Henry said he would probably call you to get your views. Elliot thinks you might wish to call Henry in any case.

In sum, we strongly oppose Interior's unilateral acceptance of the Micronesian position re land and property rights, since we believe it fails to meet our minimum requirements for military/strategic access to the Territory.

Elliot is most concerned about this.

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