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Dear Mel:

As you are aware, the Micronesian Political Status Delegation which was here the first three weeks of October has returned to the Trust Territory to discuss and review their position regarding permanent association with the United States. Both sides have agreed to meet in the near future to discuss further the terms of an association.

It is therefore important that the United States position be coordinated between the Departments of Interior, Defense, State and the National Security Council, so that in future meetings we are in accord on the terms we can definitely offer to the Micronesians and the strategy to be used in attempting to reach an agreement with them.

Accordingly, I would like to suggest a meeting with Secretary Rogers and Dr. Kissinger at the office of Secretary Rogers on Wednesday, November 26, 1969, at 3:00 p.m., to discuss this matter. In the meantime, position and briefing documents on the Micronesian situation will be prepared and distributed.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Interior

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