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TO : PM - Mr. Spiers
FROM : PM/ISO - Captain From
SUBJECT: TTPI - BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

Background

You are currently scheduled to meet with the Secretary and others to review further negotiating strategy on the future of the TTPI.

Recently Interior Secretary Hickel proposed to the Micronesian delegation that he would forego the right of eminent domain in the trust territory in return for a "permanent association" of the trust territory with the United States. The Micronesians have returned to the trust territory and are awaiting a USG decision on this proposal. The Secretary's meeting tomorrow is laid on to determine State's position in this matter. Based on the attached package of memoranda and briefing material, it appears all interested segments of the Executive Branch are opposed to the Interior proposal with the exception of Secretary Hickel for obvious reasons associated with our tenuous base arrangements in the Western Pacific.

Interesting and pertinent comments are contained in the undated IO memorandum immediately following this memorandum and in Tabs B, C, D and F.

cc: PM/ISO - Mr. Stoddart

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