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Attention MRS. DUNLAP
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May 5, 1970

Dear Wally:

In reviewing the US position for the May talks with the Micronesians, I was struck with the fact that we lack sufficient and reliable information on the developing political situation in the Territory. In the coming period as we engage in the delicate exercise of working out the form of our future political association with the islands, this lack is likely to complicate our efforts to reach agreement and could cause us to make costly political mistakes. I think we should do something about this situation which I understand has also concerned those in your Department working on the Micronesian problem.

I propose that we select and assign to the High Commissioner's staff on a full-time basis a competent political observer whose task would be to keep us fully and promptly informed of his evaluation of Micronesian political thinking. He could also, if you desired, serve as a political adviser to the High Commissioner. What I have in mind would be similar to the Political Advisers (POLADs) which the Department of Defense and we have found to work so well at the major US military commands. (Enclosed for your information is a Congressional "Analysis and Assessment" of the POLAD system.)

It will be most important that the POLAD have the necessary background and expertise. I would be prepared to provide an appropriately experienced and highly-qualified middle-grade Foreign Service Officer if you

The Honorable
Walter J. Hickel,
Secretary of the Interior.

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would find that arrangement advisable. He would, of course, be assigned to the High Commissioner's staff and report through him.

If you share the gist of these thoughts, we will be glad to proceed on an urgent basis to find the appropriate officer and work it out with your staff.

Sincerely,


William P. Rogers

Enclosure:

"Analysis and Assessment"
of the POLAD system.

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TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: ~~The Under Secretary~~
O - William B. Macomber, Jr. *WBM*
S/S - *W*
FROM: IO - Samuel De Palma *SDP*
SUBJECT: Political Adviser in Micronesia - ACTION
MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to our conversation of last week, attached is a letter to Secretary Hickel proposing the appointment of a Political Adviser to the US High Commissioner in Micronesia.

As Interior has shown some sensitivity on this topic, you might wish to call Secretary Hickel before sending the letter and make the following points:

1. Political reporting from the Trust Territory is inadequate.
2. Good political reporting will be needed as we work out our future political association with Micronesia.
3. We suggest the appointment of a Political Adviser who would be attached to and report through the High Commissioner.
4. We would propose a highly-qualified middle-grade Foreign Service Officer who could be made available shortly.
5. A similar arrangement of Political Advisers to major US military commands has worked well.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter to Secretary Hickel.

Attachment:
Letter to Secretary Hickel
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