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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Laurence A. Johnson
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Ed Pike has talked with Chief Justice Shoecraft concerning [REDACTED]'s possible interest in the Peace Corps. The Judge is most enthusiastic, after his favorable experience with [REDACTED] and hopes that a man of [REDACTED]'s calibre can be attracted to the Trust Territory. He makes the following points:

1. He would be appointed a temporary Judge of the High Court.
2. He would be asked to travel throughout all six districts to teach judicial procedures to Micronesian judges involved in trying High Court cases.
3. His age is an asset. Micronesians usually will not listen to young Volunteers. They will respect [REDACTED]'s age and such a man could be very effective.
4. The need is immediate and definable. If a two year tour is impossible, they could make very good use of him for one.

If [REDACTED] meets selection criteria, he could be in the best spirit of the new direction Volunteer. Law is key to the smooth functioning of any society and Peace Corps can thus make an input at its most crucial level - - - the courts.

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Correspondence to date does not indicate if [REDACTED] replied to Mr. Houser's letter with an application. Follow-up action might be needed to revive his interest before he makes other plans.

A proposed program for utilization of Peace Corps personnel in legal education for the TT was prepared during Mel Mirkin's visit here, and after his interview with Judge Shoecraft Mel hand carried it to Washington to serve as a basis for special placement recruiting. A copy is appended. We hope that it will be re-read and put back on the front burner for further action. It is eloquent and persuasive, and we are prepared to turn it into a 104 and do all that is necessary here to obtain TT and Hicom approval.

We request therefore, 1) immediate follow-up to determine if [REDACTED] is still available, and 2) a renewed effort to explore possibilities of fulfilling Judge Shoecraft's request.

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