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Ref: Cable from HiComm Dec. 17, 1970 to all Distads:

With all of the calamities before and after Christmas I could not forward my feelings re, subject program.

My first reaction was "Wow": They are finally going to do it. I hope OEO, Johnston, the Distads, and everyone else on Capitol Hill is aware of the potential dynamite inherent in the stated objective to represent poor people in all phases of civil legal problems.....

I assume that representation in criminal cases has been excluded. If so, I think that the need for counsel here would be as great, if not greater. Will the lawyers travel to outer islands? Will they be involved in the plans for the two year legal trade school? (What is the school's status?) What are OEO's plans for any expansion, new areas, etc. after the initial group is fielded?

I would think that with the kind of support OEO's getting for what is hoped to be as permanent a program as could be anticipated in Micronesia, our input of the two lawyers this Spring might well be our last.

I'm sure you'll keep me posted on the status. I would like to get the reaction and anticipation of some of the people on the Hill, Dwight Heine, Kaleb Udoi, Amata Kabua, Neiman Craly, and anyone else you and the staff talk with.

By the way how is [redacted] doing?

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