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1. Spokesman should seek opportunity to inform Congress re SJR5 (reftel) that such a resolution is inappropriate and that USG would not agree to Comite of 24 sending visiting mission to TTPI. This position based on following facts: (a) TTPI designated strategic trust as provided for by Article 82 of Charter. Article 83 of Charter provides that all functions of UN relating to strategic areas shall be exercised by Security Council (SC) which in turn may avail itself of assistance of Trusteeship Council (TC) to perform these functions. SC has requested such assistance from TC in case of TTPI and USG has cooperated with TC including welcoming of periodic TC visiting missions in TTPI.

(b) Comite of 24 on other hand is subsidiary body of General

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Assembly (GA). As such it has specified responsibilities for non-self-governing territories and those trust territories administered pursuant to agreements with GA - i.e. New Guinea. It has no responsibility ~~for, or authority~~ to review conditions in TTPI. (Note: Although Comite of 24 has "considered" TTPI since 1966, US participation in its consideration primarily limited to pointing out above facts.) GA, its parent body, has in effect acknowledged SC/TC responsibility by never having passed resolution on TTPI. (c) Re general question of visiting missions, USG believes periodic TC visits entirely adequate and that reports ~~re~~ of TC missions are clearly thorough and objective. In addition, yearly presentations before TC, including participation of Micronesian special advisors, assures that TC and all other interested parties at UN are fully informed regarding TTPI. There is no need for Comite of 24 duplicating TC's work.

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2. POLAD and D/PA might also use above as appropriate in private discussions. You may also draw upon following explanation US withdrawal from Comite 24 as appropriate for private discussions.

3. USG in letter to SYG on Jan 11, 1971 announced withdrawal from Comite. US decision based on objections stated over long period of time in Comite over its performance and included inter alia its failure to consult interested parties on proposed actions and resolutions and Comite's infringement of SC prerogatives in UN. USG deferred decision to withdraw in 1968 after consultations with Comite members and sought instead acceptable changes in Comite's performance. Since then, there has been no change in Comite's ^{modes of operation,} and past performance was codified for future by Program of Action adopted in 1970 over US objections. LOESCH SENDS

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