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AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR
POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Terms of Reference

A. Responsibilities:

- (1) To conduct negotiations as the Personal Representative of the President on the future political status of the Trust Territory with the Congress of Micronesia and, as appropriate, other Micronesian leaders.
- (2) To undertake such consultation with the U.S. Congress on the political status issue as may be necessary in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the NSC Under Secretaries Committee.
- (3) To make recommendations directly to the Secretary of the Interior on U.S. policy regarding the Trust Territory as it may relate to the political status question.

B. Authority:

- (1) Negotiating limits and guidelines as provided by the President upon the recommendations of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee.
- (2) General guidance for the political status negotiations and for consultations with the U.S. Congress as provided by the NSC Under Secretaries Committee in accordance with Presidential decisions.
- (3) Full discretion with regard to negotiating strategy and tactics including the composition of the American delegation and procedural arrangements for future negotiations.
- (4) Within the framework of the President's decisions and the general guidance provided by the NSC Under Secretaries Committee, sole authority to advance and explore, at such time, and in such order as he may consider desirable, elements of a settlement, subject to the negotiating limits approved by the President.

C. Coordination and Administrative Support:

(1) The NSC Under Secretaries Committee will:

- (a) Coordinate recommendations by the Departments with respect to the U.S. negotiating position and other matters relevant thereto, including consultations with the U.S. Congress.**
- (b) Provide a forum for the exchange of views on the progress of the negotiations.**
- (c) Undertake such other tasks as may be requested by the President's Personal Representative in support of the negotiations, using the established interagency group on Micronesia as the normal staff organization for such purposes.**

(2) The President's Personal Representative will:

- (a) Submit recommendations on the U.S. negotiating position and reports on the progress of the negotiations, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, directly to the President through the Office of the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs.**
- (b) Provide copies of such recommendations and reports to the Secretary of the Interior, and the NSC Under Secretaries Committee.**
- (c) Consult with the NSC Under Secretaries Committee (and with the Departments individually as may be necessary) on the progress of the negotiations and U.S. Congressional reactions.**
- (d) Draw upon the Executive departments and agencies for staff advice as required.**

D. Relationship to Executive Departments:

- (1) The negotiations will be conducted under the aegis of the Secretary of the Interior.**
- (2) The Department of the Interior will provide appropriate administrative and budgetary support for the President's Personal Representative and his personal staff.**

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- (3) Other departments/agencies will fund any participation prior and incident to negotiations in the case of their own representatives.
 - (4) In the conduct of his mission, the President's Personal Representative will maintain close liaison with all departments concerned and will have direct access to the Secretaries of the Interior, State, and Defense, and the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, for this purpose.

Drafted by: FHWilliams/Department of the Interior

Concurrences: State: U/S, IO/UNP
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