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1. Anthony M. Solomon, former Ass't Secretary Economic for ~~ECONOMIC~~ Affairs, has written letter to Ass't Secretary Sisco asking for guidance in responding to letter which he (Solomon) received from features editor of HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Editor's letter asks a number of questions regarding mission which Solomon led to Trust Territory of Pacific Islands (TTPI) in 1963 and on classified report which mission prepared. Solomon suggested that Dept. views might be conveyed to him through Embassy (Cleveland).
2. Embassy, therefore, requested contact Solomon (10 Park Square West, Regents Park, London, NW1) and convey following.

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3. While most of Solomon report was declassified several years ago after suitable deletions, the Introduction and Summary section remains classified confidential. However, in manner as yet undertermined, group of Micronesian students in Hawaii ~~has~~ obtained copy of classified section and published it in student magazine.

Magazine termed report "ruthless five year plan". in to systematically americanize Micronesia into a permanent association in clear and conscious defiance of trusteeship obligations."

Magazine circulated in Micronesia and NY TIMES carried article on report. Otherwise, public attention to date has been minimal.

4. Requests for comment also have been limited. In Micronesia, High Commissioner stated publicly he has never read report and had never been instructed to use it as guideline or policy paper for administration of TTPI.

TTPI POLAD in same interview pointed out it was clear

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from reading report that it was never implemented -- e.g. key recommendation for 1968 plebiscite never put forward.

5. Re appropriate response by Solomon, we agree with Mr. Solomon that his failure to do so would draw comment. We believe, however, that comment should be aimed at discouraging further publicity and that specific questions posed by STAR-BULLETIN editor should not be addressed. We suggest Solomon point out that to best of his knowledge policy recommendations of report were not incorporated into US Government's policy. In any case, eight years and two Administrations have passed since Mission's report and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ significant thing now is current US policy. From his old friends in Government Solomon understands that major effort now underway through discussion with representatives of Congress of Micronesia (which did not even exist in]

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1963) to find mutually agreeable future political status for Micronesia which will provide Micronesian people with right of self-determination. President Nixon has appointed Ambassador X Franklin Haydn Williams as his personal representative to conduct the negotiations and Mr. Solomon has every confidence US and Micronesians will be able to work out successfully their future relationship.

6. Embassy should express appreciation to Solomon for giving Dept opportunity to comment on HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN letter. We agree publication of report, despite its many excellent recommendations, is unfortunate, but we hope emphasis on current efforts will minimize effects. Dept. ~~XXXXXX~~ would be glad brief Solomon on current Micronesian scene when he is next in Washington if he wishes.

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