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Memorandum

To: Ambassador Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.
Director, Office of Status Negotiations

From: Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial
Affairs

Subject: Legislation concerning Micronesia pending
before U.S. Congress

War and Post-Secure Claims

-- Public Law 92-39, providing for settlement of both war and post-secure claims, was approved by the President on July 1, 1971.

-- Officials of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission spent several weeks this month in the TTPI arranging administrative matters, and will be ready to start in January.

-- A supplemental appropriation of \$5 million is being requested in this fiscal year to cover war claims. Amounts to cover post-secure claims will be requested subsequently.

Preferential Tariff Treatment

-- A tariff provision was included in S. 860, the Trust Territory "Omnibus Bill", when it passed the Senate earlier this year, but was later deleted for jurisdictional reasons.

-- At least one other tariff bill is in each House, but early action is not expected.

\$5 Million Economic Development Loan Fund Authorization

-- Such an authorization is included in the "Omnibus Bill" which has passed the Senate and on which House Interior Committee hearings were held in July.

-- Chairman Burton has stated that no action will be taken until after he or his staff has visited the Trust Territory; a trip scheduled for July was postponed, and is tentatively re-scheduled for around Thanksgiving, so that action this year is probably unlikely.

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Free Entry of Micronesian Citizens

-- This is contained in the Omnibus Bill referred to above;
no action expected for the time being.

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