

HC-9.1

Larry Johnson, PCD/Micronesia

11-2-71

Charles B. Shorter, CDO/Micronesia

Trust Territory Memorandum of Agreement

Larry, we've scoured GC, State, and Interior and this is the best that has surfaced. Tom Whittington sent these over last week. What you need, i.e., the originally signed copies are tucked somewhere in our, or in Interiors archives. I surmise that we have the chance of the proverbial snowball for retrieving it.... assuming it's there of course.

By the way, are these for a "History of PC/M' preparation?

2 Attachments

1. T.T. Memo of Agreement signed by J. Vaughn & W. Norwood
2. T.T. Memo of Agreement signed by J. Pincetich & W. Norwood

2216 - 429871

PEACE CORPS
WASHINGTON

NOV 14 1966

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing the new unclassified memorandum of agreement between ourselves concerning Peace Corps operations in the Trust Territory. As indicated in my cable of October 21, 1966, the document utilizes our earlier agreement as a base with a small number of additions and deletions. The changes are only those that you agreed to in your cable of October 26, 1966.

I regret the delay in resolving this matter. I believe it resulted from a misunderstanding as to how widespread would be the circulation of the Memorandum of Agreement, and I am happy you agree with us that the role of the Peace Corps vis a vis the Micronesians must be recognized in any definitive Peace Corps document to be publicized throughout Micronesia.

I would appreciate your forwarding me a signed copy of the enclosed Memorandum of Agreement. It is my understanding that by signing this Memorandum, each of us is signifying that this Memorandum supersedes and rescinds the earlier Memorandum which you and I signed on September 19, and September 8, 1966, respectively.

My very best regards to you.

Sincerely,


Jack Vaughn

Enclosures:

Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. William Norwood,
High Commissioner of the Trust Territory,
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

22X-429872

PEACE CORPS
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE
PEACE CORPS CONCERNING PEACE CORPS OPERATIONS
IN THE TRUST TERRITORY

Members of the Congress of Micronesia and of the District Legislatures have urged the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory to request Peace Corps Volunteers for the Trust Territory. This request was relayed on May 3, 1966, by cable to the Secretary of the Interior and subsequently presented to the President. In response, the President, by letter of May 5, 1966, requested the "greatest possible involvement on the part of the Peace Corps." On May 6, the announcement of Peace Corps participation in the Trust Territory was made jointly by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Arthur Goldberg, and Director of the Peace Corps Jack Vaughn.

It is recognized that unlike other areas in which Peace Corps programs have been conducted, Micronesia is administered by the United States.

It is further recognized that the Peace Corps, as part of the total U. S. effort in the Trust Territory, must operate under the authority of the High Commissioner. The Peace Corps will give full consideration to the will of the Micronesian people as expressed through their legislative bodies.

To achieve an orderly working relationship between the Trust Territory administration and the Peace Corps it is understood and agreed:

22K-429873

1. All Trust Territory department heads and all persons in responsible administrative positions at headquarters and in all districts will be expected to make every possible effort to achieve the smoothest possible coordination and cooperation so that the presence of the Peace Corps Volunteers will contribute a substantial and useful supplement to Trust Territory programs. Procedures will be established to maintain continuing liaison at all appropriate levels of Trust Territory administration, including Peace Corps Advisory Councils established by Micronesian legislative bodies.

2. In recognition of the High Commissioner's responsibility for administration and coordination of all government activities in the Trust Territory the Peace Corps will obtain prior consent of the High Commissioner with respect to:

- (a) The number of Volunteers to be assigned to the Trust Territory;
- (b) The assignment within the Trust Territory of such Volunteers and the timing of their arrival;
- (c) The type of services to be performed by the Volunteers.

In addition, the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory and the High Commissioner will discuss suitable additions to the training of Volunteers, including the possible participation in training by officers and employees of the Government of the Trust Territory, and Micronesian citizens.

3. Should any occasion arise in which the High Commissioner concludes that the continuing presence in the Trust Territory of any Volunteer or any Peace Corps staff member is not to the benefit of the Trust Territory, the Peace Corps agrees that it will direct such Volunteer or staff member to leave the Trust Territory promptly. Should such Volunteer or staff member fail to leave the Trust Territory promptly, the Peace Corps agrees that it will terminate the service of such Volunteer or staff member.

4. Should the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory or any member of his supervisory staff determine that a problem has arisen involving friction between officers or employees of the Trust Territory Government and Peace Corps Volunteers, the problem shall be reported immediately to the High Commissioner. The High Commissioner, in consultation with the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory, shall evaluate the problem and take such action with regard to the officer or employee of the Trust Territory Government as he may deem necessary.

5. It shall be the mutual responsibility of the High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory to establish policies and procedures covering on-the-job relationships between the Volunteers and the supervisors responsible for programs to which Volunteers may be assigned.

It is understood that both Volunteers and staff operate under the authority of the High Commissioner. All Peace Corps Volunteers will serve under the immediate supervision of local supervisors, either Micronesian or American. Peace Corps staff members shall be subject to the supervision of the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory, with freedom to consult with, but without authority to give direction to, officers and employees of the Government of the Trust Territory.

6. In view of the interest manifested by members of the Congress of Micronesia, and district and municipal legislators, the High Commissioner will keep the legislative branch of government informed of Peace Corps program developments, and will seek recommendations from the Congress and legislators regarding program needs.

7. The Government of the Trust Territory is financed largely by Federal funds appropriated by the United States Congress and limited as to amount by an authorizing statute. Funds appropriated for the year beginning July 1, 1966, cannot be increased in the absence of further legislation. Accordingly, the Peace Corps understands that the Government

of the Trust Territory is unable, unless further legislation and appropriations are obtained, to provide financial assistance for the support of Peace Corps programs within the Trust Territory. In the absence of the expressed concurrence of the High Commissioner, based upon such Congressional approval as may be required, the Peace Corps will not assume the availability of any Trust Territory support in the form of goods, funds, or services for Peace Corps programs. The High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory will, however, encourage participation at the district and municipal level in support of Peace Corps operations.

11-16-66

Date

W. R. Thompson, Jr.

High Commissioner
Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands

11/16/66

Date

Jack Vaughn
Director
Peace Corps

11/2/71

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE
PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IN THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Unlike other areas in which there have been Peace Corps programs, Micronesia is administered by the United States. To achieve effective administrative control, the combined effort of the Peace Corps and the Trust Territory administration shall operate under the authority of the High Commissioner.

The Peace Corps effort in the Trust Territory will be an adjunct and a supplement to the civil administration of the islands and the Peace Corps staff and volunteers will work with and under the supervision of the TT administration.

All Peace Corps volunteers will serve under the immediate supervision of local Trust Territory supervisors and officials, either Micronesian or American. Peace Corps staff members shall be subject to the supervision of the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory, but shall continue to have the status of officers and employees of the Government of the Trust Territory.

The primary objective of this combined endeavor is to strengthen programs of service to Micronesia and Micronesians.

All Trust Territory personnel and all Peace Corps volunteers and Peace Corps staff coordinators in all districts and at headquarters will be expected to make every possible effort to achieve the closest possible coordination and cooperation so that the presence of Peace Corps volunteers will contribute a substantial and useful supplement to Trust Territory programs.

The Peace Corps will obtain prior consent of the High Commissioner with respect to:

1. The number of volunteers to be assigned to the Trust Territory.
2. The assignment of volunteers within the Territory and the timing of their arrival.

2276 - 429877

3. The type of services to be performed by volunteers.

The High Commissioner or his authorized representative will confer with the Peace Corps Director in connection with Peace Corps volunteers' assignments to be sure that the assignments are consistent with the PCV's training and Peace Corps concepts of meaningful service.

It shall be the mutual responsibility of the High Commissioner and the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory to establish policies and procedures covering on-the-job relationships between the volunteers and supervisors responsible for programs to which volunteers may be assigned.

If the High Commissioner concludes that the continuing presence in the Trust Territory of any volunteer or any Peace Corps staff member is not to the benefit of the Trust Territory, the Peace Corps will direct such volunteer or staff member to leave the Trust Territory promptly. Should such volunteer or staff member fail to leave the Territory promptly, the Peace Corps will terminate the service of such volunteer or staff member.

Should the High Commissioner in the Trust Territory or any other official or employee find a problem involving a conflict between officials or employees of the Trust Territory government and Peace Corps volunteers, the problem shall be reported immediately to the High Commissioner. The High Commissioner, in consultation with the Peace Corps Director in the Trust Territory, shall evaluate the problem and take such action with regard to the official or employee of the Trust Territory government as he may deem necessary.

The High Commissioner and Peace Corps Director will keep the Congress of Micronesia, the district and municipal legislative branches of the government informed of Peace Corps activities and will seek recommendations from the Congress and legislators regarding program needs.

The Trust Territory administration will make available such logistical support as may be required by the Trust Territory programs to make effective use of the supplementary manpower and special skills available through employment of the Peace Corps volunteers.

The Peace Corps will be responsible for the cost of its own administrative overhead, recruitment and training of volunteers, compensation of volunteers and staff and transportation of volunteers and staff to and from the Trust Territory and to and from assigned stations within the Territory.

Where feasible, the High Commissioner and Peace Corps Director in the Territory will encourage all possible district level or community level support of duly authorized community service projects or activities in which Peace Corps volunteers may be engaged.

W. H. HORTON
High Commissioner

JOHN W. HARRIS
Peace Corps Director