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## Memorandum


To: Director, Office of Status Negotiations

From: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial Affairs

Subject: Response to article on Micronesian Status in December 1971 issue of "Progressive Magazine"

We have been made aware of the attached article on Micronesian future political status in a recent issue of "Progressive Magazine." While the article is generally even-handed, it makes no reference to the most recent talks at Hana, but rather takes a negative stand on the earlier U.S. Commonwealth proposal.

Accordingly, we would suggest updating the material in the article by means of a letter to the editor, to be signed by either Ambassador Williams or yourself. We have prepared a suggested draft letter for this purpose.

  
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Enclosures

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