



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

February 8, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DENNIS J. DOOLIN

From: Arthur W. Hummel, Jr., Office for Micronesian Status Negotiation

Subject: Attached draft concerning Micronesian Status Negotiations

Ambassador Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, has decided that he must seek White House clarification of his negotiating instructions before the next round of talks begins in early April. He has drafted a preliminary version of such a request, which is attached. The draft has been circulated to members of the Interagency Group concerned, and I believe that you will have been briefed on this matter by your staff before our discussion today. This memo is to transmit a copy of Ambassador Williams' draft to you and to ask for DOD concurrence.

Ambassador Williams' instructions from the White House give him authority: (1) to determine the tactics of the negotiations and (2) to make recommendations on the negotiations directly to the President, through Dr. Kissinger, and to conduct the negotiations on behalf of the Executive Branch.

Ambassador Williams, as the draft memo shows, has taken account of a good deal of new information concerning Micronesian attitudes that was not available when his instructions were originally drafted last year. He has determined that he needs clarification of the negotiating scenario of July 20, because it does not exactly fit the situation that now seems likely to develop at the April talks. He believes that he needs additional flexibility, as described in the draft, in order to enhance the prospects for a successful agreement in April that will fully protect basic U.S. interests. He does not intend to use the additional flexibility unless it becomes necessary, and will initially try to obtain agreement along the lines of the U.S. proposals in the Hawaii talks in October (under Position I).

DECLASSIFIED/RELEASED ON
9-13-89 UNDER PRO-
VISIONS OF E.O. 12958 BY
BARBARA A. BROWN, CHIEF,
BRANCH OF SECURITY, DOI
SIGNED:

Barbara A. Brown

(DF)

(9)

10 432125

[REDACTED]

Ambassador Williams is not in Washington this week, but will return early next week and will then be available for any further discussion that seems required. In the meantime he has asked me to circulate the draft, with appropriate explanation to the Department concerned. We are confident that we will have the complete agreement of State and Interior, and we also hope that Defense will concur. Ambassador Williams plans to forward the memo to the President either through or with the concurrence of Mr. Irwin of the Under Secretaries Committee, and the final version of the memo will have added language describing the attitudes of the three Departments concerned. We would like to move this matter along as quickly as possible, because there will be very little time for White House decision, between the President's return from Peking and the April negotiations.

Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.
Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.

Encl:

-2-

[REDACTED]

DECLASSIFIED/RELEASED ON
4-13-89 UNDER PRO-
VISIONS OF E.O. 13526 BY
DARBARA A. GILMAN, CHIEF,
BRANCH OF SECURITY, DOI
SIGNED:

Barbara A. Gilman

10-432126