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Memorandum

To: OSN - Captain Crowe
From: TTPI - John C. Dorrance
Subject: TTPI - Comment on Defense Talking Paper

The following relates to the "Defense Talking Paper," dated March 8, prepared and circulated by OSN.

With some minor exceptions, I believe the subject paper is an excellent presentation of our requirements, and the tactics suggested therein are thoroughly correct. In point of fact, the Presidential emergency powers, as detailed in that paper, may be far less of a problem than I had anticipated. I would suggest the following minor changes.

E. Defense Emergency Powers (Page one of Wytttenbach draft) --
If and when the emergency powers are brought up, no reference should be made to those powers relating to riots and insurrections unless there is a very specific question on this point. I see the power to intervene in such situations as being the single toughest requirement-- one that may be seen as an unwarranted and unacceptable encroachment on Micronesian "internal autonomy" or "domestic sovereignty."

E. Defense Emergency Powers (Page five of Wytttenbach draft) --
The following sentence appears in the first full paragraph: "The emergency defense powers needed by the United States, whether they be provided by U.S. law applicable to Micronesia, or by laws enacted by the Micronesian Government...." This thought should be reinforced, i.e., the concept that many emergency powers could in fact flow from Micronesian law and be executed or enforced by Micronesian authorities. I would suggest that sentence be replaced with the following wording: "The emergency defense powers needed by the United States in some instances must be through application of U.S. law, though even in this area the actual responsibility for execution or enforcement of such laws often could be that of the Micronesian Government. In most instances, our requirements can be met through a body of Micronesian laws, executed and enforced by a Micronesian Government. The emergency powers needed by the United States are as follows:"

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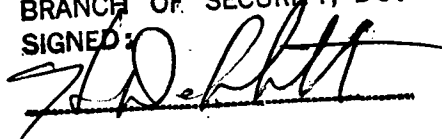
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E. Defense Emergency Powers (Page 6, Wytttenbach Draft --
Regarding the discussion of "seditious activities" at the center of the page, there must be further and restricting discussion of the significance of this statement. As it stands, the Micronesians could interpret this to mean that invocation of that power would permit us to lock up Micronesian politicians who might be opposed, in public statements, to U.S. defense activities in Micronesia.

E. Defense Emergency Powers (Page 7, Wytttenbach Draft --
The discussion of the ability of the U.S. to have temporary use of all civilian airports in Micronesia should be qualified to make clear this does not mean a takeover of such airports, and should clearly specify that U.S. military use would not normally preclude continuing civil use of those airports.

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