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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ambassador Williams

FROM: IO/UNP - John A. Armitage

SUBJECT: Micronesia Negotiations - the Question of Representation

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Captain Crowe asked me to set down some thoughts regarding the nature of U.S. and Micronesia "representation" in the other's territory following termination of the Trusteeship.

I would think that the Micronesians would certainly wish to set up an office in Washington which would deal with the various Government departments. I do not believe that they would be satisfied to have that office considered a part of any U.S. Government Department nor do I see any necessity for it to be so. On the other hand, it would not seem either desirable or advisable for the U.S. Government in any way to "accredit" a Micronesia group, delegation or office. It would be inconsistent with our responsibility for Micronesia foreign affairs and defense to appear to be dealing with Micronesians as some form of foreign government.

The most suitable arrangement would seem to be simply an office established by the Micronesians, located separately in Washington. It would be useful and advisable to have the Government of Micronesia authenticate the status of the office and its personnel by notifying one or all government departments with which it will deal of the establishment of the office and the designation of the personnel. This office would presumably carry out consultations with the Department of State on matters related to foreign affairs, serve in some kind of liaison capacity with the Department of Defense on related matters which the Government of Micronesia wishes to have discussed in Washington and consult with the Department of Interior or other government agencies in relation to program or budgetary matters. What title it would bear would be a matter for discussion with the Micronesians. I would see no objection to something like "Resident Representative of the Government of Micronesia."

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I would think that the definition of U.S. representation of Micronesia will probably have to await some clarification as to the Government department which will be providing the major portion of financial and programming assistance. Obviously, the Department of State would want a Foreign Service Officer to serve in whatever office we set up in Micronesia in order to carry out consultations in foreign affairs matters. Again I would see nothing wrong with the title of "Resident Representative of the United States."

Clearances: L - Mr. Stowe ^{OK}
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