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MEMORANDUM

To: J - U. Alexis Johnson
Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

From: Franklin J. Crawford *[Signature]*
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations

Subject: Fifth Round of Negotiations on Micronesia's Future
Political Status

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There is enclosed, for your information, a copy of the proceedings of the Fifth Round of Status Negotiations held with the Micronesian Status Committee in Washington from July 12 to August 1, 1972. The proceedings contain the final joint communique and agreed language for those portions of a future Compact which would give Micronesia full internal autonomy and the United States full authority in foreign affairs and defense.

Also enclosed are a letter on this subject which Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams sent to the President on August 7 and a memorandum of August 9 to the Under Secretary in his capacity as Chairman of the Under Secretaries Committee.

NOTE: ECF has the proceedings. (33 PAC)

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Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to present this report on the fifth round of talks on the future political status of the Pacific Islands was held with the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia in Washington, D. C. 12 July to 1 August 1972. A full record of these proceedings, including those sections of the draft "Compact of Association" which were approved by both delegations, are enclosed.

The opening and closing sessions were plenary; otherwise the work of drafting a Compact was conducted by an informal joint drafting committee. The committee was able to reach agreement on draft language for a preamble and on those titles of the Compact relating to internal affairs, foreign affairs and defense responsibilities. In addition two important annexes were completed - one dealing with foreign affairs and the other with the military land requirements of the United States Government.

In essence these draft sections of the Compact vest full authority for the governing of Micronesia's internal affairs in the Government of Micronesia, and, in turn, vest full authority and responsibility over all matters relating to foreign affairs and defense in the United States.

While the general subject of finance was discussed briefly this important issue remains to be explored. In addition, the areas of trade and commerce, nationality, termination, and transition procedures require further discussion and agreement; it is our intention to discuss the remaining issues at the sixth round of negotiations in Hawaii in September.

In the words of the Joint Communique, "the Washington talks have been among the most productive yet held and have provided the basis for a mutually beneficial relationship of free association between the United States and Micronesia."

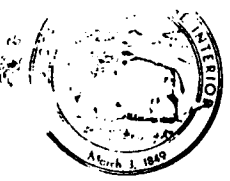
I assure you that we will continue to strive for a final agreement which will serve the interests of both the United States and Micronesia.

Sincerely yours,
Franklin Hayden Williams
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MEMORANDUM

To: IAG Members

From: Franklin J. Crawford - OSN *[Signature]*

Subject: Additional Preparations for Sixth Round of Status Negotiations

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In addition to the assignments listed in Capt. Crowe's memorandum of August 8 there is need for two additional papers:

1. Position Paper on Plebiscite -
Action: State - IO/UNP
Due Date: Sept. 11, 1972

Much thought has already been devoted to this subject. Particular reference is made to following papers by Lindsey Grant:

- a. Variant Plebiscites for Micronesia - Sept. 21, 1971.
- b. Micronesian Status Negotiations: Tentative Thoughts Before the Next Round - May 24, 1972.
- c. Micronesian Negotiations: The Issues Ahead - Aug. 8, 1972.

What is needed for the next round is a recommended U.S. position on the mechanics of a plebiscite, who needs to be consulted about it, and how the plebiscite questions should be framed.

2. U.S. Position on Consultation with UN Regarding Termination of Trusteeship
Action: State - IO/UNP and L/UNA
Due Date: Sept. 11, 1972

Again, several papers have already explored this subject, notably:

- a. Political Situation and U.S. Legal Rights in UN - undated - S. R. Peale
- b. TTPI - What Constitutes "Self-Government?" - Aug. 19, 1971 - R. F. Stowe

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c. TTPI - Termination of the Trusteeship Agreement - Aug. 20,
1971 - R. F. Stowe

A restatement and updating of the political factors relating to
the UN's interest is required for the next round.