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TO:

The Deputy Secretary of Defense The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs The Director of Central Intelligence The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff The Deputy Attorney General The Under Secretary of the Interior The Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

1. The White House has announced the appointment of Mr. James M. Wilson, Jr., as the U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations effective November 1, 1972. (White House Press Release attached). In addition to serving as Ambassador Haydn Williams' principal deputy, Mr. Wilson will also succeed Ambassador Arthur W. Hummel as Chairman of the Under Secretaries Committee's Inter-agency Group for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

2. The Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations established to support Ambassador Williams' negotiations will continue to serve as the central inter-agency office in Washington for the planning and coordination of all activities concerned with and relative to the status negotiations and the termination of the U.S. Trusteeship of the TTPI. Captain William J. Crowe, Jr., USN, Acting Director, will become Director of the OMSN effective November 1972. He will report to the U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

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3. The Inter-Agency Group is composed of principals and working staff members from the interested departments. It is requested that representation of the Departments of Interior, State and Defense be at the Deputy Assistant Secretary level. Each Department will be responsible for designating its principal representative and its working member to the Inter-Agency Group. Other Departments and agencies, as circumstances may require will be invited by the Chairman to participate in the work of the Inter-Agency Group.

4. It is likely that the negotiations, including detailed land negotiations, and separate talks with the Marianas district, will be intensified in the months ahead. Departments and agencies are therefore requested to give priority attention to requests for assistance from Ambassador Williams, the Inter-Agency Group and the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

/ John N. Irwin II Chairman

Attachment:

White House Press Release.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the designation of James M. Wilson, Jr., a Foreign Service Officer of Class 1, as the U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, effective November 1, 1972. Mr. Wilson will serve as the principal deputy of Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, and also as chairman of an Inter-Agency Group working on Micronesia's future political status under the aegis of the Under Secretaries Committee.

Mr. Wilson until recently was a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; he has served in a wide variety of posts in Asia. His last post was Manila, where he served as Deputy Chief of Mission with the personal rank of minister. Mr. Wilson was graduated from Swarthmore College in 1939 and has an M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and an LL. B. from Harvard University.

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