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In reply refer to:
I-28805/72

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NUTTER

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations (NSC U/SM 86N)

By memorandum of 24 November 1972 the NSC Under Secretaries Committee requested DESECDEF and CJCS comments and/or concurrence by COB 30 November 1972, concerning Ambassador Williams' re-assessment of the Micronesian status question and his recommendations to the Chairman, USC.

The attached proposed memorandum with attachment to the DESECDEF is responsive to the NSC tasking. It contains the coordinated Joint Staff and OSD/ISA views and comments on Ambassador Williams' memorandum.

In summary, the paper:

- Nonconcur with the recommendation and supporting rationale with respect to Ambassador Williams' desire "...to complete, if possible, a draft Compact of Free Association within his present terms of reference."
- Calls for a solution of the problem concerning the ability of the Micronesian Joint Future Status Committee, with their current powers and authority, to guarantee delivery of minimum military land requirements, prior to any resumption of talks.
- Recommends holding the seventh round of talks in abeyance until such time as the USC has developed a position on Independence and new instructions are provided to Ambassador Williams.

Attachment

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