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MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

1 December 1972

Mr. Rush: *DEP. SEC. HAS SEEN*

ISA thought you would want to be aware of the attached in view of your prior interest.

They recognize that the position advocated is probably not shared by any other members of the Cabinet.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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30 NOV 1972

In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

The attached letter provides the President with your concerns and recommendations regarding the deteriorating Micronesian status negotiations.

Until the special session of the Congress of Micronesia in August 1972, these negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily--although sporadically. Since that time, compounding events have adversely influenced the course of negotiations.

Lack of decisive action at this time by the United States could very likely result in further deterioration and a lower probability of assuring United States strategic military requirements in Micronesia following termination of the Trust.

This correspondence anticipates a near-term NSC decision on the course of future negotiations with the Micronesians. On 30 November 1972, the Deputy Secretary of Defense sent a joint DOD/JCS position to the Chairman, Under Secretaries Committee, which nonconcurred with Ambassador Williams' recommendation for continued negotiation of the draft Compact for Free Association. This action complements that position.

The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, concurs in this action.

Recommend signature.

Attachment

Proposed memo to the Pres for sig

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SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652. AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED
AT TWO YEAR INTERVALS. DECLASSIFIED ON 12/31/81

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