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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
 Mr. James Wilson, Jr., Office of Micronesian
 Status Negotiations, Department of the
 Interior
 The Assistant Director, Office of Management
 and Budget

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

Since circumstances in Micronesia make it plain that no new round of negotiations can be held prior to late March or early April next year, it is proposed that the attached draft Memorandum to the President substitute for the one sent to you for clearance on December 6, 1972.

I would appreciate receiving your comments or concurrence in the new memorandum by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 13. Please inform Lt. Col. H.W. Johnson at the Department of State, extension 632-0785.

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 Acting Staff Director

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(draft memorandum to the President)

Subject: Micronesian Status Negotiations

On November first, Dr. Kissinger requested that Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams submit to the President through the Under Secretaries Committee a re-assessment of the U.S. negotiating position on the Micronesian status question.

Recent developments in Micronesia have made it clear that the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Future Status Committee is in considerable disarray, and will not be able to meet with the American negotiators until late March or early April. Since the time factor is no longer as pressing as appeared likely in November, I have requested that Ambassador Williams and the Inter-Agency group which he heads prepare two new studies, to be submitted to the Under Secretaries Committee in February for transmittal to you for decision.

I attach a copy of the terms of reference of the new studies.

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TO: Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

Pursuant to your memoranda of November 22 and December 7, 1972, I request that you instruct the Inter-Agency Group to prepare and submit to the Under Secretaries Committee by February 15, 1973 the following studies:

(1) Definitive recommendations for the negotiation of a permanent association with the Marianas, together with a negotiating strategy and recommendations for necessary legislation and necessary executive action.

(2) A full study of all the options open to the United States with regard to the negotiations on the future status of Micronesia. Inter alia, this study should consider the question of continued negotiations with the Joint Future Status Committee of the Congress of Micronesia and the advisability of agreeing to negotiate an independence option. In addition to developing the pros and cons of the several courses of action open to us under

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these headings, the study should recommend a U.S.
negotiating procedure and strategy.

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