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MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary of the Interior
 ➔ The Special Assistant to the
 President for National
 Security Affairs
 The Deputy Secretary of Defense
 The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
 of Staff
 The Special Representative of the
 President for Micronesian
 Status Negotiations

SUBJECT: Special Study on Long-Term Aspects of
 U.S.-Micronesian Relations

At the luncheon meeting of November 22, 1972, at which long-term aspects of U.S.-Micronesian relations were discussed, it was agreed that the points raised there should be further examined in a broad study prepared by the Interagency Group on Micronesian Status.

I am accordingly requesting the Interagency Group on Micronesian Status to prepare such a study for the Committee's consideration by March 1. A copy of my memorandum to the Chairman of the Interagency Group setting forth the terms of reference is attached.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM TO: Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams

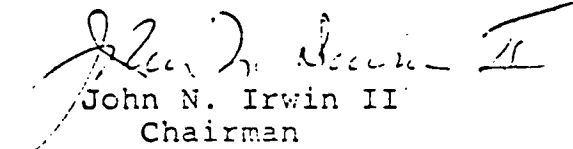
SUBJECT: Micronesia Status Negotiations

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

(1) Options and 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 study which considers 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 these headings, the study should recommend a U.S. negotiating procedure and strategy.

Based on these studies, I request that you develop new negotiating instructions to be forwarded, together with the studies, for Presidential approval.


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