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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Subject: Telephone conversation with Mr. Ronald Stowe

Mr. Stowe is an attorney in the UN section of the Office of the Legal Adviser, State Department, and has been a member of the U.S. Delegation. I called him in order to obtain necessary UN documents and reports regarding the Marianas.

Mr. Stowe seemed very helpful. He said he will obtain for us the following UN documents: (1) the last 4 or 5 annual reports of the UN Trusteeship Council, (2) the reports of UN visiting missions, and (3) whatever else he found that might be useful. He noted that another UN visiting mission was scheduled to leave the first week in February and would be gone for six weeks. Its report won't be available until May or so.

I raised with him the question of partially terminating the Trusteeship if the Marianas negotiations were completed more quickly than the negotiations with the rest of the Trust Territory. He said that partial termination will involve significant problems. He believes that the better legal and political arguments are that partial termination is not possible.

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However, he sees no reason why the U.S. cannot administratively implement any agreed arrangement in the interim until the whole Micronesian issue is resolved. The UN cannot compel the U.S. to administer the Trust in any particular way. (At most, they can make comments.) Moreover, past UN missions have recognized that the Marianas desire a status separate from the rest of Micronesia.

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