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MEMORANDUM

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From: A. deGraffenried, Legal Advisor, Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations

Subj: Point Paper on Micronesian Public Lands

Attached is a rough draft of a point paper on public lands which is being considered as a talking paper for future use in dealing with Micronesian public lands. As you know the disposition of public land is a key issue that must be addressed and resolved as soon as possible.

This draft contains much of the work of meetings on public lands held at OMSN during early July with personnel from our office, Interior, TTPI, and Defense. The early sections of the paper attempt to focus U.S. objectives and interests and provide a comprehensive background on Micronesian public lands. The latter positions try to highlight the current and long-range issues and problems surrounding public lands and any return to Micronesian control. The last section suggests solutions to these key issues.

The draft is not sacrosanct. If you desire additions or refocusing of issues please make any recommendations you desire.

Because of the importance of this topic and its relation to the status negotiations, your suggestions and comments should be forwarded to me at the earliest possible date, but in no event, later than 1 August 1973, and as informal as possible.

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