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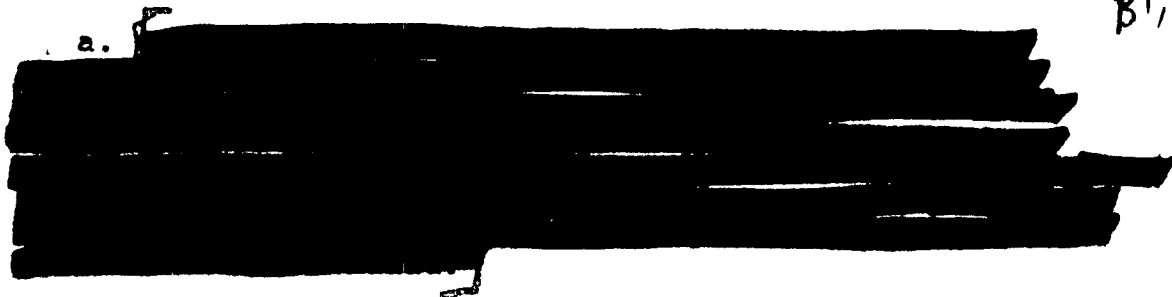
MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Comments on Revised DOD Micronesia Land Options Paper

In reviewing the revised paper, "Department of Defense Assessment of U.S. Strategic Interest and Objectives in Micronesia and Justification for Military Land Requirements," I feel that the previously prepared Department of State comments are still relevant. I would, however, like to offer the following observations and comments with regard to the new additions to the Defense paper:

a. 

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b. Page 15, subparagraph (b) and page 23 subparagraph (j):

"Absolute minimum basing options," "non-negotiable minimums" and "minimum requirements" can be justified as such only in satisfaction of truly urgent needs. It is difficult to understand the logic that would consider as an "absolute, non-negotiable minimum" a requirement that is merely for a "contingency option," particularly when an attempt to satisfy that requirement could jeopardize our more important interests in Micronesia. In other words, the terms "absolute, non-negotiable, minimum requirements" are incompatible with the concept, "contingency option," as presented in the Defense paper.

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c. Page 15, subparagraph (g). The condescending sentence, "The Palauan's interest in these plans is appreciated," should be deleted.

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