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MEMORANDUM

TO: IO - Mr. Popper
PM - Mr. Spiers
L - Mr. Brower

FROM: EA - Arthur W. Hummel, Jr. ~~AAH~~

SUBJECT: Micronesia (TTPI) -- State Department Relations
with Ambassador Williams' Office of Micronesian
Status Negotiations

Recently the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations (OMSN) felt it necessary to protest to the Acting Secretary the fact OMSN had not been consulted or adequately informed on Department of State actions concerning the Micronesian future political status question. There may be some room for debate as to whether the protest in this instance was fully justified by the circumstances. Nevertheless, OMSN does have the responsibility for coordinating U.S. Government activities relating to the future status of Micronesia, and it does represent Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations. OMSN takes these responsibilities seriously, interprets its mandate broadly, and is extremely sensitive about being kept informed on and, where appropriate, having the opportunity to clear Departmental actions affecting their responsibilities.

In the above circumstances, I would be grateful if you could call to the attention of those of your staff who deal with Micronesia the importance of coordinating all Micronesian status related actions with the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations. All State actions, messages, position papers, interdepartmental communications, etc., on Micronesian issues should, of course, be coordinated with EA/ANP, which assumed primary responsibility in June for such matters within the Department of State. If there is any doubt at any time as to whether OMSN should appropriately be involved or informed on a

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Micronesian issue, the concerned officer may check with John Dorrance, the EA/ANP officer following Micronesia.

Lastly, both OMSN and EA/ANP should be kept informed of any international, military or other developments which might affect the Micronesian status question -- and which would not otherwise come to their attention.

EA/ANP:JCDorrance *J*:jw 7/13/73

Clearance: EA/ANP:LJMoser *for*

cc: D - Mr. Samuels
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