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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KELLEY

SUBJECT: Your Conversation with Leonard, April 18, 1974

Perhaps these comments on the topics you and Leonard talked about will be helpful:

1. Unemployment Compensation: There have been a few articles in the PDN recently about the problems caused by Guam's lack of unemployment insurance. Is there to be no unemployment compensation--neither federal nor local? If we are negotiating our way into Medicare and OASDI gradually, why can't we do the same for unemployment compensation?

2. SSI: I am told that the reason the territories are not under SSI is that Senator Long thought that it would discourage workers there, or that it would encourage persons to move to the territories to live on these payments. If it is a critical matter, let's fight; but this issue could be very sensitive with Puerto Rico and on the Hill.

3. UN: I take it the [apparent] agreement between the Joint Committee and the U.S. will obviate any U.N. objection based on U.S. grant programs coming into effect in the Marianas before the Trusteeship terminates.

4. Organized Labor: We may well get the Maritime Unions mad at us because of the Jones Act provisions too. But if we get to Congress in an election year--as seems likely--this won't be a big item on labor's agenda.


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