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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moser and Mr. Lange

DATE: 7/10/74

FROM : John Dorrance

*telegram mentioned below
as attached to
Hawaii copy*

SUBJECT: Micronesian Issues and Problems

"Third Study" -- Over 18 months ago the NSC Under Secretaries Committee commissioned a "long-term" study (sometimes called the "third study") on a variety of questions directly or indirectly related to the status question. The drafting is nearly complete (copy of current draft to be provided separately), and all issues have been thrashed out. This will go to the NSC Under Secretaries for approval -- no requirement for any Presidential decisions. The key issues addressed in the study are:

- fragmentation
- use of an independence option in a plebiscite
- timing of a plebiscite, i.e. before or after a constitutional convention
- early moves to more self-government under the trusteeship

See separate memo for details on handling.

Separate Administration for the Mariana Islands

USUN and the Department hold the view that any separate administration of the Marianas, as a step toward a separate commonwealth relationship, should follow a status plebiscite in the Marianas, or at least a special referendum on that issue. See attached telegram. Interior, DOD, OMSN, and Ambassador Williams have all resisted this point of view. Bob Blake (IO) and Dick Sneider probable should talk to Jim Wilson and Ambassador Williams about this following their return from Guam in mid-July.

TTPI Foreign Affairs Activities

The TTPI administration and the Congress of Micronesia are constantly mucking about in foreign affairs areas which they should not be in. Interior/DOA and the HICOM

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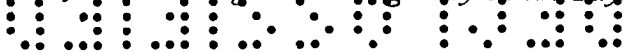
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have to be reminded constantly about staying within legitimate bounds. See attached telegrams.

Inspection Report

Another inspection compliance report is due on August 1 (see inspection file at back of current files). The Changeover of the status LNO office from OMSN to State is postponed until early fall. Sneider is up on this, and has informed S/IG Sutterlin -- see memo in inspection file. When the changeover is accomplished, three other tasks remain: new State position descriptions for Bergesen and Schiele, and upgrading of Bergesen's position from FSO-3 to FSO-2. See letter in inspection file which asks Bergesen to prepare the first drafts on these items. If a real cat and dog fight develops with Ambassador Williams on this issue, I would recommend a close reading of the permanent file on the Status LNO (Polad) operation in the fourth drawer of my subject file cabinet. This file contains the documentary history of that office which can be used to reinforce the State position.

UNDP Operations

We now have a UNDP agreement covering the TTPI. A telegram on implementing procedures is going out this week. Rich Miller in Interior/DOTA, and IO/CMD should be the contact points on any State clearances of UNDP projects in Micronesia.

Visit of Soviet Cruise Ship to Guam and TTPI

We have already cleared the visit of a Soviet cruise ship to the TTPI this August, but are awaiting a decision by the USG Port Security Committee on Guam. Once we have that, a telegram must be sent to the Governor of Guam, in coordination with DOTA, telling the Governor that the USG has no problem with the visit, and the final decision is over to him. The telegram should be similar to that already sent to the TTPI Hicom (attached).

A Lt. Kerrigan (426-1927) in the Coast Guard is the action officer who will convey the Port Security Committee's clearance, probably next week. Time is running out, so jack them up if you don't have a call by early in the week.

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