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In reply refer to: 1-5920/74

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FCR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations: Request for Amendment to Negotiating Instructions (NSC-U/SM-86Y) (U) - ACTION MEMORANDUM

(C) lssue. Should the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff concur with the subject correspondence which provides the NSC Under Secretaries Committee's comments and recommendation to the President regarding Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams' letter of 18 June 1974, in which he reports on the progress of the fourth round of negotiations with the Marianas Political Status Commission (MPSC)?

(C) Background:

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- Fourth round of Marianas political status negotiations were held on Saipan 15-31 May 1974 with much progress achieved.
 - MPSC agreed to satisfy military land requirements; however, detailed sub-negotiations on land use and acquisition, specifically concerning price, purchase versus lease, terms, and joint use and/or lease back arrangements, to be worked out during next two and a half months.
 - Tentative agreement reached on annual financial support of \$13.5 million for seven years plus normal federal programs; however, this sum must be approved by the President since the level is above the current \$12 million ceiling authorized in present negotiating instructions.
 - Commonwealth status agreed to; remaining details to be worked out by joint legal working group this summer.
- By memorandum of 26 June 1974, the NSC Under Secretaries Committee requested comments and/or concurrence by COB 5 July 1974 on the proposed USC Memorandum (Enclosure). The proposed USC Memorandum to the President would provide the USC comments and their recommendation to a letter (Attachment to Enclosure) of 18 June 1974 to the President from Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations. In his letter Ambassador Williams reported on the progress of the fourth round of talks with the MPSC and requested certain amendments to his current negotiating instructions.

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(C) <u>Discussion</u>

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- The proposed USC memorandum (Enclosure) to the President reviews the agreements reached ad referendum at the fourth round concerning future financial arrangements which require minor amendment to Ambassador Williams' current negotiating instructions. The USC believes that the recommendations contained in Ambassador Williams' letter to the President are justified by the report, and requests Presidential approval of the recommendations to assure prompt and satisfactory conclusion of the current status negotiations with the Northern Mariana Islands.
- The proposed USC memorandum (Enclosure) to the President reflects the substantive issues and areas requiring amended negotiating instructions and is entirely consistent with the views and interests of the Department of Defense.

(U) <u>Recommendation</u>: That you authorize telephone concurrence with the proposed USC memorandum to the President as written.

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Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff:	Approved
	Disapproved
Deputy Secretary of Defense:	Approved M. P. Clanum Pr 13 JUL 1974
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Enclosure a/s

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