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Memorandum

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Subject: **Pending Items which I am handling as of August 2, 1974**

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I - Cases

A. - Court

1. United States v. The West Indian Company, et al., DC VI;
Civil No. 337-1968 - Involves termination of concession rights
in Charlotte Amalie Harbor claimed by WICO.
2. People of Saipan v. Merten, et al., USCA 9th Cir., - involves
question of whether TIFI Government is a Federal agency.
3. King v. Merten, USDC, - now on appeal to USCA, D.C. Cir. -
involves question of right to jury trial in American Samoa. U.S.V.
4. Strand Corporation, DCVI - Involves dispute as to title of
certain filled submerged lands.
5. U.S. & G.V.I. v. St. Thomas Beach Resorts, Inc., DCVI, involves
action to cause removal of unlawful fence at Belouge Bay, St.
Thomas, V.I.
6. U.S. v. Roger St. Pierre, DC. Guam - Assisting District
Attorney is preparing presentment to Grand Jury re violation of

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law prohibiting Federal employees from taking money for work performed as part of their duties.

7. Roger St. Pierre v. Johnston - High Court, TIPI, suit to restrain High Commissioner from taking adverse personnel action against St. Pierre as a Federal employee.

B. - Administrative

1. Pacific Island Transport Line, F.M.C. Docket 73-4C - Proposed general rate increase for shipping to American Samoa - Position opposes increase because of impact on local economy. Briefing schedule not yet set.
2. In the Matter of Governor Hayden - Pending an appeal before Civil Service Commission re alleged Hatch Act violation by Governor.
3. In the Matter of Roger St. Pierre - Pending adverse personnel action against St. Pierre to remove him from Federal service.

II - Matter

1. Continuing legal advice to Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations on a wide variety of problems arising out of future political status for Micronesia, and the Mariana Islands - Includes: ^aland and title problems TIPI. ^bDrafting or reviewing and advising on political status documents.
2. Continuing legal advice to Office of Territorial Affairs on all legal matters relating to all territories and the TIPI. Includes:

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- a) Review and comments on reports of Government Comptroller V.I.
- b) Letter to V.I. Attorney General re availability of documents to assist Government Comptroller in an audit.
- c) Ruling on V.I. title question relative to Blue Beard's Castle Hotel transfer.
- d) Advise on, review and approve correspondence re applicability of Territorial Submerged Lands Act to certain V.I. proposals.
- e) Advise, help draft and finally approve letters to Gov. American Samoa and High Commissioner, TIFI, re making contributions to lobbying efforts.
- f) Assist in draft of revocable, road right of way permit - Guam
- g) Draft proposed Secretarial Order re transfer of lands, TIFI
- h) Letter to Guam re treasure trove, Antiquities Act and Historic Sites.
- i) Review for recommendation and referral; Audit Report on Pacific Shipping - TIFI
- j) Assist Dept. of Justice in investigating charges of bribery, fraud, collusion and improper influence of witnesses in connection with CAB Service to Saipan investigation.
- k) Prepare letter for DOTA signature to Congressman Fisher re legal questions about Palmyra Island.

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