

February 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR Messrs. H. P. Willens,  
P. J. Mode and  
M. S. Helfer

RE: Congress of Micronesia--Public Land  
Transfer Bills

Attached hereto are (i) a copy of the High Commissioner's Bill and (ii) a comment of the Attorney General on the High Commissioner's Bill and the Bill introduced by our client.

When I spoke to Mr. de Graffenried this morning, he indicated that there were only approximately thirteen (13) days left of the Congress session and that timing may be a problem in connection with legislation at this session. He also informed me that the Senate is also presently holding hearings on both bills and that because of the timing problem, the Legislative Counsel for the Congress of Micronesia is going to pre-clear a series of amendments to the High Commissioner's Bill with the High Commissioner and the Department of Interior to determine, before Senate action, whether or not any of such amendments would conflict with United States policy. Mr. de Graffenried plans to have lunch this week with one of the assistant Legislative Counselors who will be in Washington in connection with a matter pending at the CAB. Mr. de Graffenried will call us after that luncheon to inform us of the substance of his discussion of the Land Transfer Bills.

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