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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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Subject: Ford Foundation

I spoke with Mr. Kelly on Monday, February 4, and learned the following:

- (1) He has a new position in charge of program-related investments and no longer is in the National Affairs Division.
- (2) He has circulated our materials generally throughout the Foundation and sadly reports nothing but negative responses. He reports that the Marianas project does raise jurisdictional problems within the Foundation, falling as it does somewhere between the National and International spheres of responsibility. He states that the International Division has no interest in the Marianas and they are making an effort currently to confine their programs to geographical areas in which they have a particular interest.

Mr. Kelly reports that the National Affairs Division refuses to consider any program which opens up the possibility that a new minority of Americans will have to be given special attention by the Foundation; in other words, they do not want to set any precedent which might give rise to requests from American-Chinese, Hawaiians or other groups for special treatment. Mr. Kelly also reports that the National Affairs people were not interested in the Marianas because of their current stage of economic development and the opportunities for a creative planning effort.

- (3) Mr. Kelly seemed honestly discouraged by the reactions which he had obtained from his colleagues but did not hold out any hope of getting the matter reexamined within the Foundation. He encouraged me to drop by and discuss the possibility of a program-related investment in the Marianas but seemed to feel that some of the same problems would undoubtedly be encountered in trying to promote even this kind of Foundation effort in the Marianas.

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