

MEMO TO: Micronesia Panel Members

FROM: D. F. McHenry

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SUBJ: Review of Draft Study on Micronesian Status

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Attached is the text of the study on Micronesia minus the appendices (which, however, are listed in the Table of Contents). We are presently planning to meet at the offices of the American Society of International Law in approximately three weeks. We will canvass the panel to set the exact date.

In order to facilitate our discussion at the meeting and the subsequent revision of the text, I thought it would be useful to state the following:

1. Writing the study has been like painting a moving train. Almost every day there are new developments or new information comes to our attention. (We have not, for example, included the debate on the floor of the Senate last week on the authorization for the Marianas.) For that reason, we have left some chapters open-ended and expect to update them closer to publication.
2. We hope you will make marginal notes directly on the text which we will collect at the conclusion of the meeting. (If you are unable to attend the meeting, we ask that you mail the text to us on the day of the meeting.) That way we can concentrate the meeting on larger issues but still be able later to incorporate your suggestions for factual and other corrections.
3. We will prepare for your consideration at the meeting, a draft foreword which, among other things, will specifically address the participation of the panel. As was stated at the beginning of the study, we do not see the study as necessarily reflecting the views of the panel or its members and

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we will so state. In this regard, the panel differs markedly from, for example, the task forces of the United Nations Association where members are expected to concur with the report or state dissenting views.

4. It is particularly important that the study not be reproduced in whole or in part, and that none of its contents be disclosed to persons not on the panel. This is essential given the timely nature of the subject matter.