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Briefing Sheet for the Chairman, JCS, on a report to be considered at the JCS meeting on 30 Mar 76

Subject: JCS 2326/122-1 - Micronesian Political Status Negotiations (U)

Background - On 20 Jan 76, TAB B, the National Security Council Under Secretaries Committee was requested to undertake a review of US policy toward the future status of Micronesia, including instructions to the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

- In Feb 75, TAB D, CINCPACFLT and the Commander FOURTEENTH Coast Guard District signed an agreement relative to the transfer of Guam Search and Rescue (SAR) sector responsibilities to the United States Coast Guard after 31 December 1976.

- On 16 Mar 76, TAB C, the Acting Assistant SECDEF (ISA) requested a response by the JCS to questions regarding USG policy toward Micronesia's future status (less N. Marianas).

Current Report - TAB A - Contains a J-5 memorandum to the JCS in response to questions regarding US policy toward the future status of Micronesia (less the Northern Marianas).

a. Report indicates:

- (1) A treaty relationship with Micronesia, in lieu of a Compact of Free Association, has some risk involved in assuring our national security interests in the mid-Pacific.
- (2) The treaty option should not be rejected out of hand.
- (3) The treaty relationship is the least desirable of the Micronesian status options open to the USG.
- (4) Patrolling territorial waters and fishing zones is assigned to USCG.
- (5) No Navy assets provided for patrol mission.
- (6) Assignment of Navy assets to patrol mission would be at expense of higher priority defense missions.
- (7) USCG will assume Guam SAR sector responsibilities 31 Dec 76.

Joint Staff Coordination - J-3

Service Comments - The Services are expected to support the report with non-substantive changes.

External Agencies - ASD (ISA) was concerned as to the extent of impact a Micronesian treaty relationship would have on insuring US security interests in Micronesia.

- Consultation with external agencies was not considered appropriate.

Comment and Recommendation - The memorandum to ASD provides cogent analysis and clearly stated JCS positions regarding the three

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questions of concern. The Director, J-5, recommends that the Chairman, JCS, support the memorandum as written.

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TAB A - JCS 2326/122-1
TAB B - JCS 2326/101-48
TAB C - JCS 2326/122
TAB D - CINCPAC FLT LTR DATED 3/5/76

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