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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM : Dana Rodgers, Executive Officer, DO

SUBJECT: Committee of Interagency Territorial Assistance

Jack Burgess, Peace Corps Director in Micronesia and I participated in the opening session of the Committee of Interagency Territorial Assistance. Interior Undersecretary Kent Frizzell, who chaired the meeting, characterized this group as one which meet periodically to coordinate Federal activities in the territories coming under the authority of Interior. This Task Force is to meet quarterly for the next two years to review policy on Micronesia (and to a lesser extent Samoa, Guam and the Virgin Islands). This meeting was concerned with outlining Interior's view of its clearance and coordination role, especially regarding Micronesia. The next meeting will be about October 1 and focus on the Northern Marianas Covenant.

I have attached:

- (a) copies of the materials handed out at the meeting.
- (b) a list of what was agreed to, attached to the handout concerning agenda items.
- (c) items of special interest to specific offices.

Ronald Gerevas, as Associate Director for Domestic Operations, has been designated the official representative of ACTION on this Task Force. Please direct all matters relating to it to him. Please also carefully review and act to implement those items which were agreed to. Thank you.



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Ronald Gerevas, Associate Director, DO
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Attachments

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AGENDA ITEM DECISIONS

(1) Policy Coordination

Agreed Task Force members would be designated as coordinators within their agencies. Ronald Gerevas, Associate Director for Domestic Operations, is so designated.

(2) New Initiatives of Technical Assistance for Territories

Agreed agencies would coordinate plans for new programs in Micronesia (including Northern Marianas) and American Samoa prior to funding. Since Interior's Office of Territories, through the Trust Territory Government, controls local funding in Micronesia anyway, this is essential. Re American Samoa, this should be interpreted as relating to new programs (e.g. introduction of FGP) rather than continuation of existing activities (e.g. VISTA).

(3) Travel Plans

Agreed to inform Interior of Travel plans only when extraordinary travel relating to new initiatives are involved. Routine business travel (e.g. Peace Corps staff, DOD personnel, etc) need not be coordinated. Further, this should most appropriately be done in the field (for example, PC/Micronesia would inform TT government of DO related travel).

(4) Grant Awards

Agreed agencies issuing grants in VI, Guam, Samoa and Micronesia would send copies to Interior. This should be coordinated through DO in DC.

(5) Review of Covenant etc

Covenant will be reviewed by General Counsel with DO and IO (has already been, I believe).

Other Decisions

- (1) Fred Zeder, Director, Office of Territories, Interior, will brief Region IX RDs of departments and agencies with current or planned activities in Micronesia, concerning this Task Force, future of Micronesia, etc. This will be done through the Federal Regional Counsel.

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- (2) Key contact people are: Bob Lawett Rep. in Honolulu
Janice Johnson, Office of Territories, Dept. of
Interior.

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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ACTION OFFICES

(1) REGION IX (DON BROWN)

- o Attend Federal Regional Counsel Meeting when Zeder provides briefing on Micronesia.
- o Please forward an extra copy of all NGAs issued in Micronesia (none at this time), Guam and American Samoa. (Attn. Dana Rodgers) Rodgers will enither obtain in HQ or the regions copies of FY 76 NGAs.

(2) GENERAL COUNSEL (DICK KASDAN)

- o Review Covenant and opinion of Interior Solicitor regarding impact on legislation in other agencies, regarding impact on ACTION. (Section 502 and 703 of covenant are key).

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