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Hearing of the Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs (Executive Session) on H. R. 9958 to remove the ceiling on the authorization for appropriations for the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

1. Following a brief meeting in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Affairs) ISA, Hayden Williams, to discuss DOD position regarding Interior's proposed legislation seeking additional funds in support of the Administration of the Trust Territory on the afternoon of 17 April 1962, the writer was invited to be present at subject hearing which convened at 0945 this date in room 1324 New House Building. It is the writer's understanding that the invitation for him to be present was relayed to you for approval by RADM Luther C. Heintz, USN.

2. Those attending the hearing from the Defense Department were:

Secretary Williams
 Captain R. B. Wood, USN, JCS J3
 Captain C. N. Cassell, USN, OP-612
 Captain L. G. Findley, USN, OP-09B22
 Commander J. D. Mooney, USN, OP-762D
 Mr. Arthur Way, OSD, ISA

3. State and Interior Departments were represented by Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary John Carver and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, M. W. Goding. In addition, there were other representatives from both departments.

4. Members of the Subcommittee present (off and on) included Leo W. O'Brien (D) New York, Chairman, Wayne N. Aspinall (D) Colorado, Hugh L. Carey (D) New York, John P. Saylor (R) Pennsylvania, Jack Westland (R) Washington, John Kyle (R) Iowa.

5. The Chairman invited the three Secretaries and the High Commissioner to take their seats at the Conference table. Mr. Carver read his opening statement which outlined the absolute

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need why the present financial ceiling must be removed to permit the administering authority to adequately fulfill its mission in the fields of education, health and sanitation and to further develop the economy of the islands. Both Mr. Aspinall and Mr. Watland were critical about the fact that a copy of Mr. Carver's statement had not been made available to members of the Committee. There was nothing classified in his remarks they reported. Further they questioned the need for an acceleration in the tempo of the 3 fields in question.

6. Mr. Williams then read his statement which stressed a closer political affiliation with the U. S. by the citizens of the Trust Territory; the strategic importance of the area; listed sites used by the military and/or AEC in the islands; and supported the Interior position for additional funds.

7. Mr. Cleveland then read his statement which pointed out the "going out of being" of trusteeships criticism by the Trusteeship Council of our administrative efforts and by the Visiting Mission. The U. S. role in the field of colonizism was reviewed and the need for greater strides in educational, economic, health and sanitation fields.

8. Mr. Saylor, in particular, was extremely critical of Assistant Secretary Cleveland's remarks. Entirely too much concern was placed on what the United Nations had to say about our administration - from a representative from India - for example. Mr. Aspinall countered along the same line, then Mr. O'Brien said that we in the U. S. should administer the area in a manner we thought to be the best and wisest, and not be so concerned as to what a few representatives from petty nations had to offer. All agreed that the strategic importance of the area in relationship to the U. S. was the paramount issue. There is a vast "gray area" in the minds of the Committee members as to how far and how fast we should develop the people living in Micronesia. Representative Kyle "bore in" to the proposed educational program. "What was the goal?" he asked. The specifics of the educational program were referred to High Commissioner Goding who was the next witness. Our delegation arose at 1130 and did not hear his testimony.

Very respectfully,

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