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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David E. Bell

Director, Bureau of the Budget

SUBJECT: Rescission of Executive Order 8683, February 14, 1941

Mr. Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense, by memorandum to me dated August 15, has indicated that the Department of Defense interposes no objection to the rescission of subject Executive Order (copy of his memo is attached). Would you please undertake the necessary arrangements for the rescission of this Executive Order?

For your information, the Department of the Interior, through the Task Force of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, is undertaking the preparation of a Presidential statement to be made in connection with the opening up of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to U.S. citizens, U.S. investment and U.S. flag vessels without prior security clearance from the Department of the Navy. At the same time the President announces rescission of Executive Order 8683, he announce his intention opening the Trust Territory. This means that both the rescission of the Executive Order and the preparation of the statement must be coordinated so that the two actions can be taken simultaneously. A copy of the instruction to Interior is also attached.

I am returning your file with respect to the rescission of subject Executive Order.

McGeorge Bundy

Attachments