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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. O'DONNELL

SUBJECT: Pacific Trust Territories

I think it is becoming quite important for the President to spend half an hour with Secretary Udall, John Carver (Assistant Secretary of Interior) and Tony Solomon on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Solomon has recently returned from the Territory, where he and a team have completed a survey on the basis of which they have come up with proposals for implementation of the President's policy to bring the Territory into an association with the United States at the most opportune time.

Solomon's report is now complete; and some of its conclusions have already been disclosed to the interested people in Congress. Mac Bundy and Larry O'Brien's office are abreast of this; but I think it is important that the President have an opportunity to hear the high points of Solomon's recommendations before we go very much further.

There is also the matter of a new high commissioner of the Territories, which is politically sensitive; and for this reason I suggest that Udall and Carver also be present.

Michael V. Forrestal

cc: Mr. Bundy ✓
Mr. Dungan
Mr. Desautels

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