

Bromley Smith

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY ROWEN,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Harry --

This is the Committee termination action that raises a question on the right procedure to be followed on committees that are established by Presidential NSAM's. I don't know how this particular action was handled or what clearances it received, but as a matter of substance my own personal view is that the need for the Trust Territory Task Force, or something similar, still exists. The problem has not been solved and there still continues, in my view, to be a need for some means to coordinate the actions of Defense, State and Interior as they relate to the Trust Territory.

I understand that E. J. Kahn, one of the senior editors for the New Yorker magazine, is about to publish a long article in several installments covering his recent extensive travels in the Trust Territory. This may well trigger off another flurry of governmental interest as well as renewed attention in the Trusteeship Council and the United Nations.

I suggest that if any department recommends the termination of a committee that was established by means of an NSAM, the recommendation be checked with the Bundy office (Bromley Smith would be the best contact point) before the recommendation is transmitted to the President for approval.

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