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April 21, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF NSAM NO. 243

SUBJECT: Survey Mission for the U. S. Trust Territory of
the Pacific Islands

The Survey Mission for the U. S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, having completed its assignment and there being no continuing need therefor, is formally terminated effective immediately in accordance with the President's wish that all unnecessary interagency committees and task forces be terminated.

McGeorge Bundy
McGeorge Bundy

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April 20, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

In response to your memorandum of April 12, 1965, relating to interagency committees, the committees chaired out of this office have been looked at in light of the President's wish to eliminate unnecessary or obsolete interagency committees and task forces.

At the present time there are six interagency committees and task forces for which I am responsible. Four of these groups are either actively carrying out continuing assignments or have not yet completed their principal task. Two groups have finished their work and may now be terminated.

In view of the fact that all of these committees were established by National Security Action Memoranda and without any public announcement thereof, it would be the preferred procedure to terminate these two groups at this time by a simple notice to the holders of the NSAM's in question. A similar procedure would be used in the future for any additional groups to be closed out. Accordingly, I am now issuing notices to the holders of NSAM No. 68 and No. 243 that the groups established thereby are formally terminated.

McGeorge Bundy

McGeorge Bundy

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October 11, 1963

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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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*Weekend reading
Sunday*

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20 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Solomon's Mission to Islands of the Pacific Trust
Territories

Herewith a summary of Tony Solomon's report. If the President is doing any reflective reading this weekend, or while he is flying around next week, you might want to put it with his papers. I think it is worth reading and at some point we need to get a nod from the President.

Perhaps after he has looked at it, or in the event he doesn't have time to look at it, we might get Solomon a fifteen-minute appointment, possibly the week after next.



Michael V. Forrestal

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September 20, 1963

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing a thirty-odd page summary of the report of the recently completed U. S. Survey Mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Of special interest to you may be the following highlights:

1. The U. S. objective of establishing a permanent association with this area as a U. S. territory through a plebiscite with United Nations observers present, rather than giving it independence or continuing to administer it as a United Nations trusteeship, is definitely attainable. The Micronesian inhabitants recognize that they cannot stand alone and if compelled to choose between "independence" and "permanent affiliation with the United States" will vote accordingly.
2. The optimum timing in terms of Micronesian reactions would be early 1968. It should definitely be no later, but if pressure in the United Nations for an earlier plebiscite should become very strong, it could be held as early as 1966.
3. Major steps required in the interim to move simultaneously toward this objective and the longer run political, economic and social development of the inhabitants are:
 - a. Adopting a timetable starting with the formation of the Territorial Legislature in 1964 and leading to a plebiscite of self-determination in 1968 (possibly announcing it next Spring after the United Nations Visiting Mission returns from the Trust Territory).
 - b. Launching a \$46 million (or a minimum \$35 million) Capital Investment Program for the four year period from FY'65 through FY '68.

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- c. Aiding the Secretary of the Interior to discharge more effectively his administrative responsibility for the Trust Territory, and in this connection reaffirming his authority over the High Commissioner.

- d. Preparing the Congress, the American public and the Micronesian leaders to acceptance of this timetable and the possibility of such a territorial affiliation. This involves informal Congressional acceptance of the Mission's proposed compromise between the United Nations concept of full "self-government" and the traditional attitudes of the Congress toward the organization of territorial governments. The compromise also recognizes the present limitations on Micronesia's ability to govern itself.

The full report of the Mission will be submitted to you early in October.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony M. Solomon

Anthony M. Solomon
Chairman, U. S. Government
Survey Mission

The President
The White House
Washington

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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17 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Pacific Trust Territories

Tony Solomon has just come back with his study group from the Islands of the Pacific Trust Territories. You will recall that he went out to make a Kaysen-type report which would hopefully form the basis for US policy and programs over the next few years. I think if we could find fifteen minutes at one of your staff meetings it would be useful to hear from him.

Friday or Tuesday

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I should also like to have him meet the President sometime next week after the President has had a chance to look at a summary of conclusions which Solomon's group has reached. I think it is important that the President be aware of these before Tony starts peddling them around town.

Michael V. Forrestal

cc
Mr. Anthony Solomon

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President has appointed Anthony M. Solomon to head U.S. Government Survey Mission to U.S. Trust Territory of Pacific Islands (TTPI) for purpose gathering information and making recommendations for greatly accelerated rate of political, economic, and social development. Announcement re Survey Mission likely this week and Mission expected depart for TTPI about July 1.

Former Harvard Professor Solomon visiting Paris May 30 and would like briefing on French experiences with economic development and social welfare programs French Pacific island areas with view his acquiring useful background for planning program for TTPI. Embassy requested make appointments with appropriate French experts this field for May 30 and arrange interpreting services for appointments with non-English-speaking officials. Please designate telegraphically officer in Embassy Solomon should call morning May 30 re implementation his schedule.

Department pouching background materials. END.

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May 9, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 243

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Interior
The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
The High Commissioner of the U.S. Trust
Territory of the Pacific Islands
The Director of Peace Corps
The Administrator, Agency for International
Development
Governor of Guam

SUBJECT: Survey Mission for the U.S. Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands

1. Much has been accomplished in the year since the issuance of NSAM No. 145 stating a new policy for the U.S. Trust Territory in the Pacific Islands and creating an Interdepartmental Task Force to put the new policy into effect. We are now at the point where an intensive effort to plan and carry out an expanded program is feasible and would be conducted under circumstances more favorable than those that have prevailed for a long period.
2. I have appointed Mr. Anthony M. Solomon to be a consultant to me and to head a U.S. Government Survey Mission to go to the Trust Territory in the near future to review the major political, economic and social problems facing the people of that Territory. The Mission will gather information and make recommendations needed in the formulation of U.S. policies and programs for a greatly accelerated rate of political, economic and social development in line

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with the obligations of the United States under the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement. In addition, it will gather information through which proposals and recommendations can be developed to prepare the people of the Trust Territory to exercise eventually their free and informed choice concerning their political future.

3. Mr. Solomon's team will be drawn from among the personnel of the responsible agencies, plus certain private individuals of outstanding qualifications who will be employed on a temporary basis.

4. I request all departments and agencies to render assistance to and cooperate with Mr. Solomon in complying with my instruction to him. This is particularly important with respect to, although not limited to, the provision of information, records, personnel and appropriate logistic, and other support where well-trained and qualified personnel or facilities are available. Mr. Solomon, or a representative of the White House staff, will be in touch directly with the departments principally concerned in this matter.

John F. Kennedy

cc:

Mrs. Lincoln
Mr. Bundy
Mr. Forrestal
Mr. Solomon
Mr. Johnson
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