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DRAFT NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TO : The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of the Interior  
The Attorney General  
The Director of the Bureau of the Budget

SUBJECT: Future Status of the United States Territories and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

1. The future status of the four dependent territories (Guam, American Samoa, The Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) administered by the United States and currently subject to legitimate international scrutiny remains to be determined in accordance with obligations undertaken by the United States under the United Nations Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement. The President has directed on an urgent basis the preparation and implementation of a program designed to provide a terminal status for United States territories and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which ensures their continuing association with the United States and fulfills the obligations of the United States under the United Nations Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement.

2. The President has vested in a Special Assistant the responsibility for directing and coordinating the planning and implementation of the program set forth in paragraph 1 of this Memorandum, including the briefing of Congress and the preparation

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of draft legislation as required. On a priority basis all departments and agencies are requested to render such assistance and cooperation as the Special Assistant may require in complying with the President's instructions.

3. In the attainment of the objectives outlined above all pertinent international obligations, political and military requirements of the United States, and the rights of the inhabitants shall be taken into account.

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