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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

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More on the Trust Territory matter.

Joe Sisco told me this morning that he and Eugenie Anderson talked to George Ball last evening and Ball agrees with their view of what has to be done about the TT and will urge the Secretary to act promptly when he returns. Joe said that Tom Mann and Tony Solomon are also on board. This means that State Department will be solid on this matter.

Mrs. Anderson has accepted our suggestion that she defer seeing the President until after she and Joe Sisco had talked with Udall and Carver in an effort to get the Interior Department to associate itself with the State recommendations to the President. Sisco said that the Department appreciated our intervention in this matter. He had been hesitant in suggesting it because of the Vice President's interest in getting an interview for Mrs. Anderson with the President as soon as possible.

Sisco asked me if I had any suggestions as to who in the White House might be available to spearhead the effort and coordinate the various departmental actions and the contacts with the several Congressional Committees involved. He mentioned his talk with you and I think that your suggestion is perfect if it can be worked out. However, it would require some continuing staff backstopping.

We also discussed the absolute necessity of getting the right man in the High Commissioner's job during this crucial period leading up to the plebiscite vote. Sisco said that he will produce some suitable names.

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