

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

Walt --

More on the Trust Territory scenario.

Apparently Jack Vaughn has gotten word already about the President's feeling that Interior and the Peace Corps can "handle the Trust Territory." There has already been a three-cornered discussion among the Peace Corps, Interior and State (Joe Sisco) and they have come up with the following revised plan.

Udall has agreed to hold a press conference in his office either Thursday or Friday at which Jack Vaughn and Arthur Goldberg will be present. This press conference will take the place of the Presidential affair and they expect to get a letter signed by the President that will be based on the content of the draft announcement that was appended to your memorandum. I expect to have a copy of the draft letter first thing in the morning and I believe that Jack Vaughn will also send a copy directly to Bill Moyers. When I receive the letter I will make sure the Bureau of the Budget has an opportunity to insert appropriate language regarding the Administration's plan to submit omnibus legislation that will result in a higher ceiling for the Government's continuing effort in the Trust Territory. This will help maintain the distinction between the intensive short-term, essentially pump priming, Peace Corps program and the regular continuing efforts of the Interior Department. I told the Peace Corps that we would lend our efforts to getting the letter signed and that between Moyers and you we should be able to get it in time.


Charles E. Johnson