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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JIM JONES

Here is the Trust Territory file that you were kind enough to lend me. I'm not certain of the identity of the author of the memo, but if it is Jack Burns or one of his close associates it may not be sufficiently responsive or warm in tone. Obviously this is something for you and Marvin to decide.

As far as the substance of the memo itself is concerned, I suggest that it be referred to Walt for further handling in view of the fact that we have been working with State, Interior, Defense and the Peace Corps on a new program, part of which has already been announced. I have in mind sending copies of the memo to Interior and Defense for an initial reaction, even though their attitude is predictable.

I think the idea of dividing up the Territory for purposes of administration deserves serious consideration and even though it may not be practical at the present time from a policy point of view, it is certainly worth considering for the phase following a plebiscite. There is no question in my mind that the administration of the Trust Territory as a single entity for the indefinite future is a nightmare.

Charles E. Johnson

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