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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

Walt --

Here is the material that was given Doug yesterday, consisting of draft speech material from Secretary Udall responding to the Moyers' request contained in Wellington 474, copy of which is attached, and some selected facts on American Samoa and Western Samoa. In addition, I gave Doug a file of clippings and other background material with some annotations that might be useful to add additional interesting points.

I did not understand that you expected a finished draft. I understood the assignment I received from Bill to be one of following up on the preparation by Interior and Peace Corps of speech material that would be used by one of the Cater-Kintner writers. I have not been concerned as a matter of staff responsibility with American Samoa although I have generally tried to keep informed on matters before the South Pacific Commission and generally on American interests in the South Pacific. However, I have followed rather closely the developments in the Trust Territory although that program has not been very active from the standpoint of national security.

I also attach a copy of a memorandum from Warren Wiggins to Cater covering the Peace Corps program in the Trust Territory. This is simply for background purposes and I see nothing that can be lifted as such from the Wiggins memo for use in the Pago-Pago speech.

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There is a word of caution on Peace Corps participation -- Udall is minimizing the Peace Corps program at this particular moment because we have not had final House action on the 1967 appropriation and unfortunately certain influential members of the House on whom we rely for support have been rather hostile to or resentful of the Peace Corps presence in the Trust Territory. The Bureau of the Budget is of the opinion that we would have gotten more generous treatment from the Senate and more support in the House if the Peace Corps publicity had not been so good -- or so badly timed from the standpoint of the legislative calendar. I believe the treatment of the Peace Corps in the Udall draft is at the right noise level under the circumstances.

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