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THE WHITE HOUSE

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National Security Study Memorandum

TO:

The Secretary of State The Secretary of Defense The Secretary of the Interior

SUBJECT: The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

NSDM 5, inter alia, directed a review of NSAM 145 which calls for bringing the U.S. -administered United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands into a new and lasting relationship with the United States.

The President has directed that this review should and Matter consider:

(1) U.S. strategic interests and objectives in the Trust Territory;

(2) Alternative means of achieving these objectives, including costs;

(3) Requirements for effective administration of the Trust Territory, including costs.

The President has directed that this review be prepared by an Ad Hoc Working Group chaired by a representative of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and to include representatives of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior. The chairman of the group may invite other agencies to send representatives to particular meetings of the Group.

This paper should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by April 20.

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