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MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Elliot Richardson
The Under Secretary of State

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

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 be accomplished as a matter of priority and should 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.

Pursuant to our discussion on March 18, 1969, it is considered that this subject is appropriate for processing by the Under Secretaries Committee under your chairmanship. Obviously, the Secretary of Interior should be included in all deliberations, together with whatever other agency participation you may deem appropriate.

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