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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Richard L. Sneider

SUBJECT: ~~Operations of Under Secretaries Committee on Trust Territory Problem~~

After the somewhat meandering, but I think useful, discussion of the Trust Territory issue, Richardson got down to business and a number of actions were decided upon:

1. ~~Approve the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, to meet with the Micronesians and put together the plan.~~
2. ~~Approve to approach Congress on the Micronesian war claims.~~
3. Agreement to ~~decide on a single representative to study and make recommendations of the Trust Territory, replacing the~~ Richardson asked for names by today and he and Train will discuss this action with Aspinall later this week.
4. ~~Agreement in principle to send a high level emissary of the President to the Micronesians,~~ hopefully before May 6 when the Micronesia Status Commission starts to meet.

In addition, Train was urged to seek the ablest possible man for the job of High Commissioner in the Trust Territory, a useful prod.

~~Special...~~ and in fact apparently welcomed the prods. His problems are

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back in Interior and he may need some support from all hands, including us.

I think the Under Secretaries meeting worked out quite well in terms of giving this issue a good first push. If the momentum continues, we should at least have a coherent policy in the next month or two and some positive steps to turn the tide in Micronesia away from independence.

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