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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: John H. Holdridge *JH*SUBJECT: Political Status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific  
Islands (Micronesia)

On April 29, 1969 the President approved a recommendation that the Trust Territory be brought under U. S. sovereignty. An action program was to be undertaken to make association with the U. S. more attractive by promoting Micronesian educational, economic, political and social development.

Attached is a memorandum for the President from the Under Secretaries Committee describing the current situation. I presume you will not wish to send it to the President. No appreciable progress has been made in resolving the future political status of Micronesia, since the Micronesians have rejected every type of association with the U. S. which has been offered them.

Interior Secretary Hickel plans a six day visit to Micronesia shortly after the Micronesian Congressional election November 3rd. The Under Secretaries Committee reports that an options paper is now in preparation to provide a reexamination of U. S. moves on the status question before Secretary Hickel's projected trip.

Attachment

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