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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM:

JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE JHH/dk

SUBJECT:

Political Status Negotiations with Micronesia:  
Appointment of President's Personal  
Representative

At Tab A is a memorandum from you to the President informing him of the difficulties being encountered in the negotiation of future political status with Micronesia and recommending an appointment of a Presidential Personal Representative with rank of Ambassador to move these negotiations along. (The titles would make the negotiator's position clear; he would be funded by Interior.) You will recall that you discussed with Under Secretary Irwin the desirability of dealing with the TTPI issue along these lines. We have discussed this with Secretary-designate Morton, who is enthusiastic.

There is now some urgency in moving the TTPI negotiations along. We have learned that Congressman Udall of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, who is presently traveling in Micronesia, has stated that he is contemplating the introduction of new legislation providing for the establishment of a Congressionally determined Commission for the Negotiation of Future Political Status with Micronesia since, "the Executive Branch is failing to carry out this responsibility."

At the end of your memorandum to the President is a list of possible candidates from which to select the negotiator.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President.

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