

MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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CONFIDENTIAL

MESSAGE TO:

COL. KENNEDY

FROM:

JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE JH4/MA

SUBJECT:

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

1. President January 5 approved HAK memorandum recommending appointment of President's personal representative for negotiations with Micronesia. President's choices for personal representative are: First, outgoing Treasury Secretary Kennedy; Second, Dean of Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, retired Ambassador Edmund Gullion.
2. HAK left following note regarding this recommendation to President: "Send memo, but once Pres. approves I wish to take up before implementation again with Secretaries of State and Interior."
3. We understand Secretary Kennedy already blocking out time for his new role as Ambassador-at-Large after February 1. In addition, there is evidently some misunderstanding within Interior concerning status of proposal that President appoint personal representative for negotiations, with some at Interior believing idea dead.
4. In light of desirability informing Secretary Kennedy promptly of President's decision affecting him (or Gullion if Kennedy unavailable), and misunderstandings about situation within bureaucracy, appreciate HAK confirmation that I may proceed inform Secretary Kennedy, State and Interior of President's decision. We will, of course, undertake no additional action pending further instruction from HAK.