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MEMORANDUM

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February 4, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE *JHH/mk*

SUBJECT: Political Status Negotiations with Micronesia;
Appointment of a Negotiator

At Tab A is a memorandum from you to the President resubmitting a list of individuals to be considered for appointment as the President's personal representative to negotiate political status with Micronesia. This resubmission is required by the President's reversal of his previous decision to ask Edmund Gullion to undertake this role. The names are those you previously approved for submission to the President for this purpose, less Gullion, plus John Marriott added at Peter Flanigan's request and so indicated.

Related Information. We have been informed that Interior Assistant Secretary Harrison Loesch within a few weeks will lose responsibility for Micronesia under Secretary Morton's reorganization plan. Loesch has been the single senior American official providing continuity in the handling of Micronesia. He will presumably be replaced in this role by a new Assistant Secretary appointed from outside the Government. This change renders it even more desirable that a senior personage be appointed by the President who could provide continuity and thrust to the U.S. Government's handling of this question as well as our negotiations with the Micronesians.

Secretary Morton is apparently concerned about this because he is reportedly considering requesting the Navy to assign Commander Edwin A. Kuhn to his office as a special assistant for Micronesian affairs. Kuhn is finishing his tour of duty at Defense where he has played a positive and helpful role in Defense's consideration of Micronesia; he could be an excellent choice as "Chief of Staff" to the negotiator, sitting in Interior and coordinating State, Defense and Interior interests.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President.

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