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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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

In the light of your decision that Edmund Gullion, Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, would not be appropriate as your Personal Representative to negotiate political status with Micronesia, I am resubmitting a list of individuals who my staff and I believe would be suitable. Your Personal Representative should be someone with considerable stature, since he would be dealing not only with the Micronesians but would be required to maintain a good working relationship with the Congress as well as State, Defense and Interior. Formal clearance will be obtained from Harry Fleming's office before approaching the individual selected by you.

David M. Kennedy, outgoing Secretary of Treasury, to be Ambassador-at-Large.

Robert Murphy, retired Ambassador, now Chairman of the Board of Corning Glass International, a veteran negotiator with a good reputation in the Congress.

Herman Phleger, former Legal Advisor in State under Eisenhower Administration, advantage of being a West Coast resident. (May be too advanced in age to do this.)

Frank Haydn Williams, President of the Asia Foundation, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) in the Eisenhower Administration, advantage of being a West Coast resident.

Peter Flanigan has asked that you consider the following individual:

John Willard Marriott, former President of Hot Shoppes, Inc., and Marriott Motels, has not previously undertaken international negotiations.

Of the candidates, I believe Williams would be the best for this assignment.

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He is knowledgeable about the area, relatively young, has good relations with the Hill, and would probably be free to take this on. The Asia Foundation feels somewhat neglected of late and Williams' selection would have the peripheral benefit of Administration recognition of its President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the appointment of Frank Haydn Williams as your Personal Representative, with the personal rank of Ambassador, for the negotiation of political status with Micronesia; all his expenses to be borne by Interior.

Approve ①

Prefer: ② David Kennedy

③ Robert Murphy

④ Herman Phleger

Suggested by Mr. Flanigan:

⑤ John W. Marriott

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