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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *H*

SUBJECT: Secretary Morton and Dr. Franklin Haydn Williams
Request Appointment with You

Apr 26-28
Secretary Morton has requested an appointment with you for himself and Dr. Franklin Haydn Williams, your Personal Representative for the negotiation of future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Tab A).

The appointment would serve two purposes:

-- Dr. Williams would be photographed receiving his commission as your Personal Representative and take his oath of office thus symbolizing for the Micronesians and the U. S. Congress your personal interest in the political status negotiations.

--Such a meeting would also give you the opportunity to assure Secretary Morton and Dr. Williams of your interest in the negotiation of the future political status of the Trust Territory and your desire that these negotiations be carried forward at whatever pace the Micronesians can sustain. The purpose would be to bring the Trust Territory into as permanent and close association as possible with the U. S. to meet our long-range security needs.

I agree with Secretary Morton's view that an appointment at this time would be useful for the purposes indicated; it would also be the first chance for Dr. Williams to meet you since receiving your appointment as Personal Representative last month.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you authorize me to arrange a twenty minute appointment through Dwight Chapin's office with you for Secretary Morton and Dr. Williams.

Approve *H* Disapprove

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