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The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

The Deputy Attorney General
The Under Secretary of Interior
The Assistant Director, Office of
Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands--Dr. Williams' Administrative Arrangements

By memorandum NSC-U/DM-62A of July 28, I conveyed the President's approval of a negotiating scenario for the next stage of negotiations on the future political status of the TTPI and the Terms of Reference for his Personal Representative in the negotiations, Ambassador Haydn Williams.

There will be two organizations to support the work of Ambassador Williams:

- A. An Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations is established in the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, and its Director is Ambassador Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.. The Office will:
 - serve as the central interagency office in Washington for the planning and coordination of all activities concerned with, and relative to, status negotiations;
 - be the focal point for all incoming and outgoing communications concerning or connected with the status negotiations;

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- 3. consult with and seek the advice of appropriate offices in Interior and in other concerned Departments on all status matters that fall within their areas of interest;
- 4. be responsible for providing the principal negotiator with what other support he may need in carrying out the provisions of his instructions.
- B. To replace the previous Interagency Committee on Micronesian Status, there is hereby established, under the Under Secretaries Committee, an Interagency Group for Micronesian Status Negotiations, to be chaired by Ambassador Hummel, with membership to be drawn from the Departments of State, Interior, and Defense, and other Departments and Agencies as required.

The next round of talks with the Micronesians are now scheduled for September. All Departments and Agencies are requested to give priority attention to all requests for assistance and background studies that will be requested by Ambassador Williams and by the Director of the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

John N. Irwin II Chairman

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