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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG

FROM: ADMIRAL WELANDER *low*

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SUBJECT: TPPI Negotiations

The attached was sent forward prior to knowledge of the President's 20 July decision on the TPPI negotiating position and terms of reference for Ambassador Williams. (Incidentally, this decision has not yet been formally relayed to DOD by State and, due to his absence from town, the Chairman has not yet been apprised of its terms).

The Chairman is deeply concerned over our deteriorating base posture in the Pacific and the long bureaucratic delays in coming to grips with the TPPI status issue. As indicated, he believes we are at the point where strategic interests must be safeguarded despite the probably considerable flak from domestic and UN quarters, as well as from the Micronesians.

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