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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....
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Dear General Haig:

I write to you, in the absence of Dr. Kissinger, for assistance in certain follow-up activity relating to Micronesian Status Negotiations. As you know, I returned last week from Hawaii and the third round of negotiations with the Micronesians. My report of those negotiations is being submitted through the Under Secretaries Committee and should reach you very soon.

It seems to me essential that the progress achieved in the Hawaii talks should not be allowed to dissipate, and I have discussed with Secretary Morton the advisability of a visit by him to Micronesia in the near future. He has agreed that he should make a visit to the area, and to Guam and Samoa also, but Interior's budget for travel is so small that it will not support the cost of the type of trip that would be required. When Secretary Hickel visited the area more than two years ago, he had to use up the bulk of his annual travel budget for the purpose, and Secretary Morton is not in a position to do likewise because of other commitments.

Specifically, I should like to raise for your consideration, a request that the travel of Secretary Morton and his party to the Pacific area, and to all six Districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, be considered a White House mission, and that the Department of Defense be asked to provide a military aircraft for the journey. Such a visit by Secretary Morton at this critical time would further our national interests in Micronesia. Secretary Morton has said that unless an aircraft can be made available the trip cannot take place.

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Anything your office can do to assist will be most appreciated. Secretary Morton's office can supply details of his plans, which tentatively involve his departure from Washington about November 10, 1971.

Sincerely,

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