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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION 34108

October 28, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG  
FROM: JOHN A. FROEBE, JR. *JAF*  
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Your Conversation  
with Ambassador Hummel October 25

At Tab A is the memorandum of your conversation with Ambassador Arthur W. Hummel, Jr. October 25.

Recommendation:

That you approve the memorandum of conversation at Tab A with no further distribution to be made.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Brigadier General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.,  
Deputy Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

Ambassador Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.,  
Director, Office of Micronesian Status  
Negotiations, Department of Interior

Mr. John A. Froebe, Jr., NSC Staff Member

DATE, TIME, PLACE: October 25, 1971, 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.  
The White House

SUBJECT: Secretary Morton's Proposed Visit to the  
Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands

Ambassador Hummel said the purpose of his call was to request White House support for Secretary Morton's proposed trip to the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands next month. Specifically, he asked that the White House agree to make Secretary Morton's trip a White House mission and ask DOD to provide an aircraft for the trip. Because of severe limitations on Secretary Morton's travel budget, he has agreed to make the trip only if DOD provides the aircraft. Under Secretary Irwin has also declared himself in favor of the trip.

General Haig said that Secretary Laird as a matter of principle is opposed to picking up the tab for the transportation on such trips. He said he wondered whether the question was one of State or Interior's paying for the trip, since it essentially involves a foreign policy problem. Ambassador Hummel differed with this interpretation, to which General Haig responded that the question might better be seen as a problem of negotiation. The question would be whether the White House would press DOD to pick up expenses for the trip.

Ambassador Hummel said that Ambassador Williams had briefed the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the current negotiations. Admiral Moorer noted

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that he planned to get in touch with General Haig on this question. Ambassador Hummel said that Admiral Moorer is interested in helping the negotiations given the base right interests involved.

General Haig said he thought that it might be possible to use CINCPAC's Blue Goose aircraft in this instance.

Ambassador Hummel returned to Secretary Morton's unwillingness to make the trip unless an aircraft were provided. Secretary Hickle in making his 1969 trip to the Trust Territories spent \$42,000 out of his annual travel budget as a consequence of his failure to realize that he had to reimburse DOD for the aircraft provided for the trip. Secretary Morton has had to absorb severe budget cuts this year.

General Haig said that he agreed in principle with the trip. He asked Mr. Froebe to do a memorandum for the President outlining the purpose, what is to be achieved, and Secretary Morton's agreement to make the trip providing that transportation is furnished as a result of the trip's being made a White House mission.

Ambassador Hummel said that he knew Secretary Laird is very much interested in preserving base rights, and that he might therefore be more interested than usual in footing the transportation bill. Referring to the rationale for Secretary Morton's visit, Ambassador Hummel said the Micronesians feel the United States Government has not paid much attention to their interests. Secretary Morton, who having made two trips to the Trust Territories as a Congressman was no newcomer to the area, could do much to reassure them. General Haig added that he might also look at the Peace Corps problem in Micronesia, which had been a source of considerable concern to the President last spring. Ambassador Hummel commented that the Peace Corps problem in the Trust Territories was now fairly well controlled, with a great majority of the volunteers behaving themselves well.

Ambassador Hummel said the trip was to begin November 10. The timing was dictated by Congressman Burton's plans to visit Micronesia about Thanksgiving. Congressman Burton, who is Chairman of the House Interior Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs, is an ultra-liberal and would love to exploit an advantage over Secretary Morton in upcoming hearings on Micronesia if the Secretary had not made a trip first and before he testified before the Burton Subcommittee.

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