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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

November 24, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT:

Proposed Call on the President by
Delegation of Micronesian Leaders

At Tab A is a memorandum from you to the President proposing a call on him by a delegation of 25 Micronesian leaders who will be attending the White House Conference on Aging November 28 - December 2.

I strongly believe that a Presidential expression of U. S. interest in Micronesia, as would be inherent in this call, could assist substantially in our current negotiations with Micronesian leaders on the future political status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). The Micronesians tend to feel that we look upon them as stepchildren and are only interested in Micronesia because of strategic considerations. This has in turn strengthened the demands on the part of some Micronesian leaders for the right to terminate association with the U.S. unilaterally-- a sticking point in the negotiations on the future status of the TTPI. Our present situation is by no means comfortable, and is being worsened by the efforts of certain American academicians to encourage the Micronesians to opt for complete independence.

The proposed meeting might take place either in San Clemente November 28 or here in Washington following the President's return to the city.

Recommendation:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab A.

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