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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: December 1, 1971

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

VIA: Dwight L. Chapin

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MEETING:

Call on you by Micronesian delegation.

DATE:

November 28[?] - December 3

PURPOSE:

A 25-man Micronesian delegation, including five of the most influential leaders in the Territory, will be in Washington for the White House Conference on Aging November 28 - December 2. Your meeting briefly with this group and assuring them as to U. S. intentions would do much to help improve the confidence and trust of Micronesian leaders in us. The image of U. S. indifference to Micronesian needs that has resulted from our past two decades of administration of the Territory, and which is being encouraged by a number of academicians at Berkeley and in Hawaii, has been a principal obstacle in Ambassador Williams' latest round of negotiations on the future political status of Micronesia last month.

Despite this, Ambassador Williams did succeed in inducing the Micronesian negotiators to explore the practicalities of the sensitive issues of land, Federal powers, and unilateral termination, and avoided a confrontation on the Micronesians' demands, thus frustrating the efforts of Micronesian radicals. Your assurances would build on this progress and improve the prospects for the next negotiating round scheduled for early next year.

FORMAT:

- Oval Office or San Clemente
- 30 minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL:

Talking points will be provided.

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PRESS COVERAGE: A press announcement of his call would be made in advance, and a photo opportunity should be offered.

STAFF: Ambassador Williams, myself.

RECOMMEND: Ambassador Williams, myself.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None.

BACKGROUND: The group would be able to meet with you in San Clemente November 28 (it could miss the opening session of the Conference that evening, or in Washington following your return to the city. The representatives from Palau wish to present you with a large "talking board," which is a wood carving depicting some important episode in the folklore or history of Palau.

PRESS FOLLOW-UP: A press statement would be made following the meeting.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

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