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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

MR. KISSINGER

JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE JAN JOW

Ambassador Williams' Progress Report to the President on Negotiations on the Future Political Status of Micronesia

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Ambassador Williams has called to my attention the urgent need for releasing his progress report to the President on the third round of talks with Micronesian leaders on the future political status of Micronesia. (Williams' letter to the President was dated November 24, and we sent the package forward November 30.) (Log #35237)

First, the Micronesian Status Commission is preparing to release its own version of the record of the third round of negotiations--held in Hawaii in early October.

Second, the next session of the Congress of Micronesia will convene sometime next month, and will focus on the latest round of negotiations. Not only do our representatives need our record of the talks to answer charges that will possibly be made during the Congress, but in addition it would be highly useful for our people to disseminate our version in the Congressmen's home districts before they depart for the January session of Congress.

Last, American academics who are trying to prod Micronesian leaders toward complete independence are blatantly distorting the record of the Hawaii negotiations.

Thus, it would be extremely helpful if we could approve Williams' progress report, which contains the negotiating record, for release and use by our representatives.

Recommendation:

That you approve Ambassador Williams' progress report to the President for forwarding to the President.

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