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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER THE WHITE HOUSE

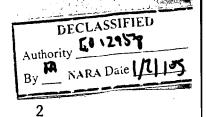
Subject: Release of Report on Status of Micronesian Negotiation

Under Secretary Irwin, acting on behalf of the Under Secretaries' Committee, has asked that action be expedited to approve the release of the Report by the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations on the Hana, Maui, Hawaii Talks of October 4-12, 1971.

Since the Maui talks, fragmentary and highly distorted accounts of the negotiations have been circulating in Micronesia by Micronesian groups seeking to discredit U.S. positions and intentions and promote more extreme Micronesian dissociation from the United States. We have also had word that the Micronesian delegation's own report of the talks has now gone to the printer and will, therefore, be available for public dissemination in Micronesia soon.

As Ambassador Hummel reported during his trip to Micronesia earlier this month, little accurate information has been disseminated throughout the widely-scattered islands to counter the distorted versions. All members of our negotiating team are convinced that the U.S. positions would have considerable appeal to the district leaderships and to the populace and, hence, dissemination of the Report would substantially benefit our negotiating posture both during the session of the Micronesian Congress in mid-January and in the next round of negotiations, probably in early spring. However, the early release and dissemination of the Report are essential if these ends are to be served.

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Members of Congress concerned with Micronesia have been informed that they will receive copies of the Report and have expressed considerable interest in receiving it.

Robert H. Miller Acting Executive Secretary

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