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TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
 The Assistant to the President for  
 National Security Affairs  
 The Director of Central Intelligence  
 The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
 The Deputy Attorney General  
 The Under Secretary of the Interior  
 The Assistant Director, Office of Management  
 and Budget.

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

1. The White House has announced the appointment of Mr. James M. Wilson, Jr., as the U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations effective November 1, 1972. (White House Press Release attached). In addition to serving as Ambassador Haydn Williams' principal deputy, Mr. Wilson will also succeed Ambassador Arthur W. Hummel as Chairman of the Under Secretaries Committee's Inter-agency Group for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

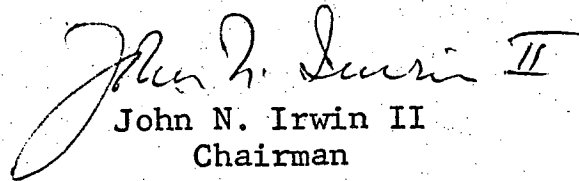
2. The Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations established to support Ambassador Williams' negotiations will continue to serve as the central inter-agency office in Washington for the planning and coordination of all activities concerned with and relative to the status negotiations and the termination of the U.S. Trusteeship of the TTPI. Captain William J. Crowe, Jr., USN, Acting Director, will become Director of the OMSN effective November 1972. He will report to the U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

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3. The Inter-Agency Group is composed of principals and working staff members from the interested departments. It is requested that representation of the Departments of Interior, State and Defense be at the Deputy Assistant Secretary level. Each Department will be responsible for designating its principal representative and its working member to the Inter-Agency Group. Other Departments and agencies, as circumstances may require will be invited by the Chairman to participate in the work of the Inter-Agency Group.

4. It is likely that the negotiations, including detailed land negotiations, and separate talks with the Marianas district, will be intensified in the months ahead. Departments and agencies are therefore requested to give priority attention to requests for assistance from Ambassador Williams, the Inter-Agency Group and the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations.

  
John N. Irwin II  
Chairman

Attachment:

White House Press Release.