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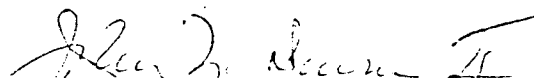
MEMORANDUM TO: Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams  
SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

Pursuant to your memoranda of November 22 and December 7, 1972, I request that you instruct the Interagency Group to prepare and submit to the Under Secretaries Committee by February 15, 1973 the following:

(1) Options and recommendations for the negotiation of a permanent association with the Marianas, together with a negotiating strategy and recommendations for necessary legislation and necessary executive action.

(2) A study which considers the question of continued negotiations with the Joint Future Status Committee of the Congress of Micronesia and the advisability of agreeing to negotiate an independence option. In addition to developing the pros and cons of the several courses of action open to us under these headings, the study should recommend a U.S. negotiating procedure and strategy.

Based on these studies, I request that you develop new negotiating instructions to be forwarded, together with the studies, for Presidential approval.



John N. Irwin II  
Chairman

Under Secretaries Committee

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