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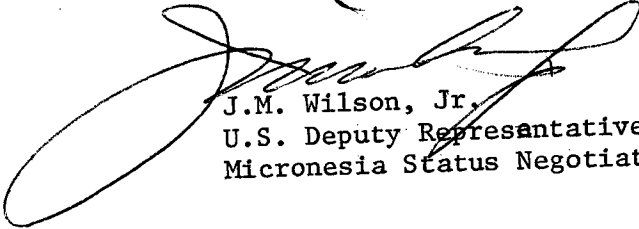
Memorandum

To: Mr. Michael B. Smith, Staff Assistant, The White House

Subject: Micronesia - letter from former High Commissioner,
Mr. Midkiff

Attached is a proposed reply from you to Mr. Midkiff's letter of December 26 to the President commenting on his recent trip to Micronesia and giving his views on future U.S.-Micronesian relations.

I believe that a short, non-committal reply is in order in view of the unexceptionable nature of Mr. Midkiff's comments and the fact that Ambassador Williams, who encouraged Midkiff's trip, will not return from his extended trip to the Western Pacific until mid-February.


J.M. Wilson, Jr.
U.S. Deputy Representative for
Micronesia Status Negotiations

January 24, 1973

Dear Mr. Midkiff:

Your letter of December 26, 1972, to the President reporting on your recent trip to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was very much appreciated. The area is one in which the President has had a personal interest for a number of years, and I can assure you that your recommendations will be given careful consideration.

As you may know, a special study of our relations with Micronesia is currently being made under the direction of Ambassador *Hayden* Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations. The observations and constructive suggestions contained in your letter are, therefore, particularly timely. You may be sure they will be taken fully into account during the course of that study, which will contain a series of important recommendations for the President.

The specific problems you cite are, of course, being given priority attention by High Commissioner Johnston and other responsible officials in Saipan.

As you may be aware, Ambassador Williams is now on an extended trip in Asia and will undoubtedly have further comments for you on his return.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Deputy Special Assistant
to the President

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FROM: MIDKIFF, Frank E. Former HIGGINS/ACTS 519 Haleakala Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96801		WHITE HOUSE INTERNAL DRAFT reply for Michael B. Smith's signature. Prepare memo of trans. for sign. of Ambassador Hayden Williams	
REFR: OSN	REFR:	REFR:	REFR:
DATE: 1/19	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:
SUBJECT: 12/26 - Submitte suggestions re: Micronesia and requests the President and Ambassador Williams for his report on the Trust Territory.		ACK'D: OSN-1/19/73	
Draft Reply to Mr. Midkiff and cover memo		DATE REPLY DUE: 1/26	
SAL: 1/23/73		SIGNED: 1/23/73	
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