

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesian Status Negotiations

SUBJECT: Micronesian Status Negotiations

In response to your memorandum of March 8, 1972, to the President, he has directed that, in amplification of his negotiating instructions of July 20, 1971, you are authorized the following:

1. Under Position II, if necessary for agreement, to call the new relationship "Free Association," with this acceptance of their title being contingent upon clear recognition in a Compact of Association of full U. S. authority over foreign affairs and defense, access and denial provisions and prenegotiated military basing agreements which would legally survive any future termination of the political relationship.

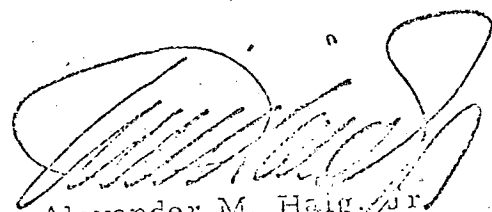
2. Under Position II, if necessary for agreement, to acknowledge that sovereignty resides in the people of Micronesia, provided that fundamental U. S. interests are fully safeguarded as envisaged in my instructions and in the NSC USC Option Paper of March 31, 1971.

The President has also authorized that you may, in your discretion, confront the Micronesian negotiators with the position that the U. S. has not ruled out the alternative of independence for Micronesia, which is provided for in the terms of our Trusteeship Agreement.

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