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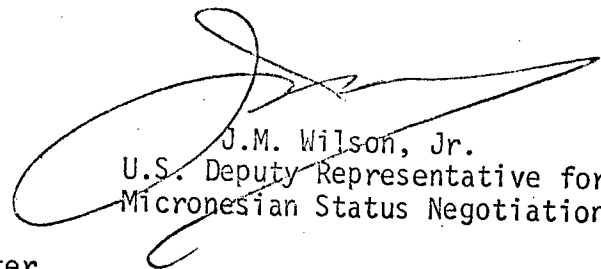
Dear Kent:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 1 regarding USIA's willingness to assign an officer to the Washington staff of the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations. I am pleased to note that the Agency is presently searching for an appropriate officer to undertake this important and challenging assignment.

As you and I previously agreed orally, the person you assign here will be on reimbursable detail, with all expenses attendant upon his work for us borne by this office.

We greatly appreciate USIA's cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Stanley S. Carpenter  
Walter Jensen



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Memorandum

For: Stanley S. Carpenter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Public Land Management

From: J.M. Wilson, Jr., U.S. Deputy Representative for  
Micronesian Status Negotiations

Subject: Terms of Reference for USIA Officer in Saipan

Your proposed letter to the HICOM on this subject gives rise to a number of basic questions which deserve careful study. Most of these were raised with you and Ed Johnston last month in our conversation about this.

I am concerned principally that we may not see the primary duties of this officer in the same light. This office conceives the chief function of the USIA officer in Saipan to be that of assuring that the U.S. point of view is reasonably and effectively presented on all points of issue between Micronesia and the U.S., particularly status and political education. If this is so then it is difficult to imagine how he could operate effectively under a Micronesian supervisor and be subject to the pressures including the advice and consent procedures. Hayden Williams feels very strongly on this.

With this as a starting point it seems to us that the USIA officer must be either a special assistant to the HICOM or be assigned to the Status Liaison Officer. In either capacity he would have to work closely of necessity with both the Office of Public Affairs and the Political Education Commission. Which of these alternatives is the preferable arrangement it seems to me should be addressed - as we discussed earlier - in the third of our current studies for the Under Secretaries Committee, where the questions of political education and public information in Micronesia are major topics for consideration. Meanwhile I see no reason why recruitment of a first class candidate cannot proceed.

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