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To: Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.  
From: James M. Wilson, Jr.  
Subj: Selection and Assignment (in excess of complement) of FSO to  
Serve in Micronesia as Assistant Status Liaison Officer

It is now understood that the Department of State will consider upon request the assignment of an FSO in excess of complement on reimbursable detail to serve as Assistant Status Liaison Officer (LNO) in Saipan. Ambassador Williams is concerned that status matters cannot be handled adequately by only one person, especially with the requirement to spend so much time in the various districts and also cover two separate areas of status negotiations. This concern has been highlighted by our decision not to bring Mary Vance Trent back to Washington for the November JCFS talks because of her heavy workload in Micronesia in presenting our public land proposal and in preparing for the Marianas talks in December.

The officer assigned to subject position will serve as the principal assistant to the Status LNO whose primary responsibility is to represent Ambassador Williams in matters directly or indirectly relating to or influencing the future political status of the Marianas and the other five districts of Micronesia. The Assistant Status LNO primarily will concentrate on the public relations aspects of status matters. He will be expected to travel extensively throughout Micronesia in this regard.

To enhance an early identification and selection of an FSO for this assignment the following points are relevant:

- OMSN will reimburse State for this detail, including salary, travel and per diem.
- A bachelor officer, FSO-4 or 5 is preferred although a married officer with no school age children may be acceptable; if the officer is married, the wife might consider teaching in the schools in Saipan or working in similar constructive fashion.
- The candidate should:
  - have had previous assignment in Public Affairs in the Department and the field.

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- have had previous assignments in the Pacific/East Asia, e.g., Japan, Philippines, Indonesia.
- have political reporting skills commensurate with his rank.
- have the capability of adapting to the wide range of cultures existing in Micronesia and be willing to travel extensively.
- It would be desirable if the officer were a Japanese language officer.

It is requested that action be taken to assign such an officer in the near future.

