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Memorandum

To: Department of State - Mr. Richard W. Murray (A/BF) Rm.6316

From: U.S. Deputy Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations

Ref: Your Memo of October 17, 1974

Your office has previously assisted Ambassador Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations to fulfill his and the U.S. Delegations's essential representational responsibilities associated with the two sets of important political status negotiations which we are conducting with Micronesia and with the Mariana Islands. Normal protocol and politesse require that during each formal negotiating round the U.S. Delegation host one or two functions which includes the full delegations and a few smaller working representational functions as well. As you will recall, the budget of the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations, which comes in equal parts from the Departments of State and Defense, has no funds earmarked for representation. It is for this reason that we have in the past and are now again asking for your assistance from the Confidential Fund.

The U.S. Delegation will begin several weeks of formal negotiations with the Marianas Political Status Commission beginning December 2. We estimate that for this coming round of negotiations our overall representational needs for FY 1975 will be approximately \$1600. While final expenditures will vary somewhat, we do not expect that they will vary too much from these figures. I would appreciate an indication that your office can provide support for these crucial talks.

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