

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

TTP1 16

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INFORMATION

November 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: COLONEL KENNEDY

FROM: JOHN A. FROEBE, JR. *CAF*

SUBJECT: Peace Corps in Micronesia

The following is the information you requested on our Peace Corps in Micronesia:

-- Size

Total Peace Corps volunteers (July 1974)	170
Education	108
Professional Services (such as legal services)	14
Public health and sanitation	8
Agriculture	6
Ecology	7
Community development	5
Administrative staff	22

About 80 percent of the total are just out of college.
 The organization's FY 74 budget was \$107 million.

-- Director of Peace Corps in Micronesia. The Director of the Peace Corps operation in Micronesia, Tom Warren, resigned his post last July to return to the Montgomery County school system as a principal. He is about 35 years old, and had previously taught in the Potomac schools. The Acting Director is Stanley Drubin, about 30 years old, who has been the Deputy Director since February 1973. Drubin's previous background is not immediately available.

The age and background of both the previous director and the deputy director would, from one point of view, not seem to support our strong objections to Mr. Burgess' taking over as director. Although he is

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
 E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5
 NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines
 By *HR*, NARA, Date *9/13/97*



Photocopy from Gerald R. Ford Library

a bit younger than Warren, his background would seem at least as substantial.

On the other hand, the increasing sensitivity of the Micronesian situation would argue that, for the near future, we must not take the risk of having someone as director who has had virtually no foreign affairs experience. The Micronesian status negotiations are moving into their final stage, and will be followed by a transition period of one to two years during which we will have the troublesome problem of conducting plebescites in the five districts and in the Marianas. The plebescites will carry a definite potential for challenge by independence advocates and others of what we have negotiated, and the U.N. will be scrutinizing the agreements meticulously.

I therefore continue to believe strongly that we should find a new director of considerable maturity and substantial foreign affairs experience--all the more so because his deputy director and the great majority of his Peace Corps volunteers are from a relatively young age group.

Photocopy from Gerald R. Ford Library

