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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE CHAIRMAN,
UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Review of U. S. Policy on Micronesia's
Future Status

The NSC Under Secretaries Committee is requested to undertake a review of U. S. policy toward the future status of Micronesia, including the negotiating instructions to the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations. The study should exclude the Northern Marianas district.

The review of the negotiating instructions should be made in light of developments since promulgation of the current instructions on November 14, 1973. The study should develop options for U. S. policy which address the needs and concerns of the nations' populations and preserve U. S. security interests.

The review should take into account:

-- Indications (in particular the new draft Micronesian Constitution) that the Micronesians are not amenable to a free association arrangement which would meet the terms of Ambassador Williams' present negotiating instructions.

-- Changes in the Asia-Pacific arena that affect U. S. strategic interests in Micronesia.

-- Experience of other Pacific Island entities such as the Cooks and Western Samoa.

-- U. S. Congressional and public attitudes.

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The study should present a range of options for our negotiating strategy and appropriate recommendations for the President's consideration. The review should be completed and forwarded to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs by March 1, 1976.


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