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TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense
 The Assistant to the President for
 National Security Affairs
 The Director of Central Intelligence
 The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
 The Deputy Attorney General
 The Under Secretary of the Interior
 The Director, Office of Management and
 Budget
 The Acting Director, Office of Micronesian
 Status Negotiations

SUBJECT: Review of US Policy on Micronesia's
Future Status

The Under Secretaries Committee has been requested to undertake a review of US 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. Terms of reference for the study are attached.

The review will be prepared by a working group chaired by Miss Mary Vance Trent, Acting Director, Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations. The first meeting of the working group will be held on Tuesday, February 3, at 2:30 p.m. in room 3356 of the Department of the Interior. Addressees are requested to advise Miss Trent (343-9143) of the name of their representative.

The report, together with a draft memorandum

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for the President, should be available for distribution to the membership no later than February 20, 1976.

Edward F. Gathright for
Wreatham E. Gathright
Staff Director

Attachment:

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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.

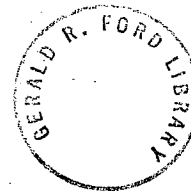
-- Experience of other Pacific Island entities such as the Cooks and Western Samoa.

-- U. S. Congressional and public attitudes.

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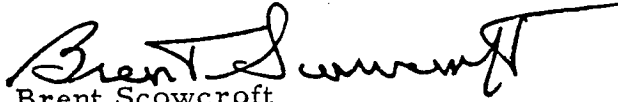
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The study should present a range of options for our negotiating strategy and appropriate recommendations for the President's consideration. The review should be completed and forwarded to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs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


Brent Scowcroft

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