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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: THOMAS J. BARNES

*Tab A
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SUBJECT: Professor Holliday's Recommendation of Fred K. Fox

Professor Sam C. Holliday of Columbia College (Columbia, South Carolina) wrote you a February 7 letter (Tab B) recommending Fred K. Fox of Houston, Texas as successor to Ambassador Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations. Holliday states that you may not remember him, but you started off together at West Point.

Holliday, who is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, also included a copy of an article he wrote for Army on "Protecting American Security Interests in Micronesia Complex" (Tab C). Holliday had previously written Jack Marsh, also recommending Fox for Ambassador Williams' position.

Fox is an engineer and inventor in the petroleum business in Texas, who for many years has had a strong interest in the Micronesian question. Senator John Tower, George Bush, and others have written on behalf of his interest in Ambassador Williams' position.

Fox would seem to have several qualifications for the job, in particular his familiarity with many of the Micronesian leaders. It is questionable, however, whether his style and philosophy would be appropriate to the task at this stage. He takes a strong view that Micronesia must be made a part of the United States. The present trend in the Congress of Micronesia is toward sovereignty. An inter-agency group is currently working on a review of our negotiating position.

We have prepared a draft reply (Tab A) to Holliday thanking him for his recommendation and assuring him that when it comes time to consider a replacement for Ambassador Williams, we will consider Fox.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the draft at Tab A to Professor Holliday and add a personal note if you wish.

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