

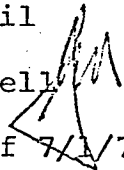
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due 8/4 5pm*

MEMORANDUM TO MR. GEORGE W. HUMPHREYS
Domestic Council

FROM: James L. Mitchell 

SUBJECT: Your request of 7/1/76 for comments on designating the Department of Interior to conduct a study of a four-year college for Micronesia.

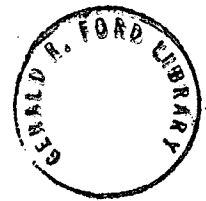
The \$8 M authorization for construction of a four-year college in Micronesia was passed by the Congress over the objections of the Administration. We have serious doubts of whether such a facility is needed or feasible in Micronesia. We also question whether the existing two year community college is in need of \$8 M worth of expansion and renovation.

Nevertheless, Congress has mandated that a study be conducted. Since the question at hand somewhat transcends the Department of Interior's area of expertise, we recommend that the Secretary be instructed to consult with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on those aspects of the study which deal specifically with educational matters.

This approach will allow the Department of Interior, which is responsible for the administration of the Trust Territory, to direct the study, but it will require consultation and advice from HEW on questions of higher education.

Attached is a recommended letter for the President's signature.

Attachment



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