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MEMORANDUM FOR: HAMILTON JORDAN
FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
SUBJECT: Micronesia Negotiator ^{2B}

We need to move urgently to select the President's Personal Representative for Micronesia Status Negotiations. We initiated consultations with the Micronesians May 18-21; a second round of talks is scheduled for late July. We need a Chief Negotiator to manage the task of hammering out a comprehensive negotiating strategy that all interested agencies can support. At present there is some confusion over the state-of-play on this appointment. Some weeks ago I sent a memo to the President offering some reservations to the State recommendation that Eugene McAuliffe be named to this post and suggesting several alternatives, including Barry Carter (a San Francisco lawyer who formerly served on the NSC staff) and Phil Trezise (former Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs who is now at Brookings).

McAuliffe is out of the running at this stage, but we have the following candidates:

- Barry Carter has inquired whether he is "still in the running".
- State now recommends Peter Rosenblatt for the position.
- Interior has proposed that Phil Manhard be elevated to Chief Negotiator, or, alternatively, that John Havelock be considered for that assignment.

Rosenblatt is a Washington lawyer with previous foreign policy experience at AID and on the White House staff. He is interested in the assignment, but is prepared to assume the responsibility only on a part-time basis. Although Haydn Williams was a part-time negotiator, I believe that the

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tempo of negotiations will increase, and this will consequently be a full time job. Thus I have doubts about Rosenblatt unless he is prepared to devote full time to this at least for the next year.

As for Manhard, by all accounts he acquitted himself reasonably well at the Honolulu consultations. He is a professional, knows the issues, and has some empathy for the Micronesians. He is not a "new face", however, and neither State nor Defense would endorse his selection.

John Havelock is an unknown quantity. He is a lawyer and is currently serving as Director of Legal Studies at the University of Alaska. He has no previous foreign policy experience, and no personal familiarity with the issues in the Micronesian negotiations.

I still believe that Barry Carter or Phil Trezise have superior qualifications to the individuals recommended by State and Interior.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you raise this issue with the President, and urge early selection of Barry Carter or Phil Trezise as Chief Negotiator.

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