

MEMORANDUM

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June 30, 1977

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2:15pm*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: MIKE ARMACOST

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Request for UN Legal Opinion  
of CIA Operations in Micronesia

Evidently the President requested a memo regarding the successful efforts of Allard Lowenstein to get the Micronesians to withdraw a legal opinion on CIA activities in the Trust Territories.

State has provided this information, which I have summarized in the attached memo to the President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I, in recognition of the Trust Territory Agreement. The issue was scheduled to arise during the Trust Territory Council session which convened on June 29.

In conversations with the Micronesians, Ambassador-designate Lowenstein impressed upon them the complexity of the issue, the difficulties that pursuing the request for a legal opinion could cause the new Administration, and the Administration's commitment to avoid such activities in the future. As a token of their confidence in the new Administration, the Micronesian representatives withdrew the request following a statement for the record in which Ambassador-designate Lowenstein cited the public commitments of the Administration, including the President's personal assurances that such activities would not occur in Micronesia.

*[Signature]*  
Peter [unclear]  
Executive Secretary

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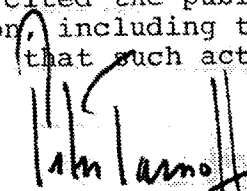
MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Withdrawal of Request for UN Legal Opinion  
of CIA Operations in Micronesia

We understand that the President has requested a memorandum regarding the successful efforts of Ambassador-designate Allard Lowenstein in persuading the Micronesians to withdraw their request for a UN legal opinion on CIA activities in the Trust Territory.

When the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia read the press accounts in December 1976 of CIA activities in Micronesia, they requested the President of the UN Trusteeship Council to seek from the UN legal office an opinion as to whether the CIA activities had placed the United States in violation of the Trusteeship Agreement. The issue was scheduled to arise during the Trusteeship Council session which convened on June 6.

In conversations with the Micronesians, Ambassador-designate Lowenstein impressed upon them the complexity of the issue, the difficulties that pursuing the request for a legal opinion could cause the new Administration, and the Administration's commitment to avoid such activities in the future. As a token of their confidence in the new Administration, the Micronesian representatives withdrew the request following a statement for the record in which Ambassador-designate Lowenstein cited the public commitments of the Administration, including the President's personal assurances, that such activities would not recur in Micronesia.

  
Peter Tarnoff  
Executive Secretary

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