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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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INFORMATION  
July 7, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI   
SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Request for UN Legal Opinion  
of CIA Operations in Micronesia

You asked about Allard Lowenstein's efforts to persuade the Micronesians to withdraw their request for a UN legal opinion on CIA activities in the Trust Territories. In conversations with the Micronesians attending the Trusteeship Council meetings last month, Lowenstein impressed upon them the complexity of the issue, the difficulties which pursuit of their request for a legal opinion could cause the new Administration, and your commitment to avoid such activities in the future. The Micronesian representatives subsequently withdrew their request following a statement for the record in which Lowenstein cited the public commitments of the Administration, including your personal assurances, that CIA activities would not recur in Micronesia.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
FROM: MIKE ARMACOST *MAK*  
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.

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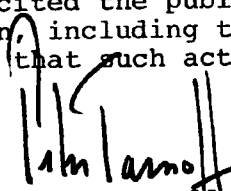
MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
THE WHITE HOUSE

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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RESPONDENCE PROFILE

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 Legal Opinion of CIA Operations  
 in Nicaragua*

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FAR EAST	<i>[initials]</i>			
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PEOPLE'S REP OF CHINA				
MID EAST/N. AFRICA				
NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES				
POLICY ANALYSIS				
GLOBAL ISSUES		<i>(C.A.)</i>		<i>[initials]</i>
CRISIS MGMT				

ACTION REQUIRED

MEMO TO: THE PRESIDENT  
 MEMO FOR: BRZEZINSKI *if appropriate*  
 REPLY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPROPRIATE ACTION \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMO TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 JOINT MEMO \_\_\_\_\_  
 REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_ FOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANY ACTION NECESSARY? \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 DUE DATE: 7-2  
 COMMENTS: INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS!  
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SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

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