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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions from the PRC Meeting on
Micronesian Political Status Negotiations,
April 4, 1978

The Presidential Review Committee met on April 4 to review negotiating guidelines for the next round of status talks. The conclusions of the PRC meeting are attached at Tab A.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Transportation
The Director, Office of Management and Budget
Special Representative for Micronesian
Status Negotiations
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions from the PRC Meeting on
Micronesia Status Negotiations

Attached is a summary of the conclusions reached at the PRC meeting to review negotiating guidelines for the next round of status talks which was held in the White House Situation Room on April 4 at 3:30.

Zbigniew Brzezinski

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PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 4, 1978

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Time and Place: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., White House Situation Room

Subject: Micronesia Political Status Negotiations

Participants:

State

Matthew Nimetz (Counsellor)
Robert Oakley (Deputy Assistant Secretary
for East Asian and Pacific Affairs)

Commerce

James P. Walsh (Dep. Administrator,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration)

Defense

Deputy Secretary Charles Duncan
Walter Slocombe (Principal Dep Asst
Secretary for International Security
Affairs)

Justice

Herman Marcuss (Attorney,
Office of Legal Counsel)

JCS

Lt. Gen. William Y. Smith

Transportation

Chester Davenport (Asst. Sec. for
Policy and International Affairs)
Reynald Matthews (Systems Branch
Chief)

CIA



Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations

Amb Peter Rosenblatt (President's
Personal Representative for
Micronesian Status Negotiations)
James Berg (Political Economic Officer)

OMB

Eliot Cutler (Assoc. Dir. for Natural
Resources, Energy & Science)

White House

David Aaron (chaired)

Interior

Ruth VanCleve (Dir. Office of Territorial
Affairs)

NSC

Mike Armacost

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The Policy Review Committee met on April 4 to review negotiating guidelines for the next round of status talks. The PRC approved the attached principles (Tab A) as a framework for free association with the following modifications:

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-- Principle 5 shall be modified to include an undertaking by the Micronesians to consult with the United States with regard to foreign affairs activities which may impinge on our security and defense interests and to refrain from actions which the United States determines to be incompatible with its authority and responsibility for security and defense matters in or relating to Micronesia.

-- Principle 6 shall be modified to eliminate the words "undertake to" in the second sentence.

-- Principle 8 shall be modified to make clear that if the agreement is unilaterally terminated by the Micronesians, the United States would not remain obligated to furnish financial payments at the originally negotiated levels.

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Statement of agreed principles for free association
and of the mutual rights of the peoples of Micro-
nesia and the United States.

1. An agreement of free association will be concluded on a government-to-government basis and executed prior to termination of the United Nations trusteeship.
2. The agreement of free association will be put to a UN observed plebiscite in which the peoples of Micronesia shall freely exercise their right of self determination.
3. The peoples of Micronesia will enjoy full internal self-government.
4. Constitutional arrangements for the governance of Micronesia shall be in accord with the political status of free association as set forth in these principles.
5. The United States will have full authority and responsibility for security and defense matters in or relating to Micronesia. This authority and responsibility will be assured for 15 years, and thereafter as mutually agreed. Specific land arrangements will remain in effect according to their terms which shall be negotiated prior to the end of the Trusteeship Agreement.
6. Consistent with the status of free association, the peoples of Micronesia will have authority and responsibility for their foreign affairs including marine resources. They will undertake to consult with

the United States in the exercise of this authority and to refrain from actions which the United States determines to be incompatible with its authority and responsibility for security and defense matters in or relating to Micronesia. The United States may agree to act on behalf of the peoples of Micronesia in the area of foreign affairs as may be mutually agreed from time to time.

7. The agreement will permit unilateral termination of the free association political status by the processes through which it was entered and set forth in the agreement and subject to the continuation of United States defense authority and responsibility as set forth in Principle 5.

8. Should the United States terminate the free association relationship, its economic assistance to Micronesia shall continue at the levels and for the term initially agreed. If the agreement is otherwise terminated, the amounts of economic assistance from the United States shall be renegotiated for the remainder of the term initially agreed. United States economic assistance shall be subject to the appropriation authority of its Congress.