

MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 6, 1978

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
FROM: MIKE ARMACOST *MA*  
SUBJECT: PD on Micronesian Status Negotiations

Attached is a draft PD on Micronesian status negotiations (Tab A). It reflects the conclusions reached in the PRC meeting on April 4. Essentially the principles of free association amount to a refinement of the approach envisaged in PD/NSC-11. There was Inter-agency agreement that free association based on these principles would adequately protect our basic interests. The State Department and our negotiator, Peter Rosenblatt, consider them negotiable. The negotiations on these principles come tomorrow in Hawaii. Thus the need for an immediate decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign off on the PD yourself.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Alternatively, that you sign the attached memorandum to the President at Tab I seeking his approval.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
SUBJECT: PD on Micronesia Status Negotiations

The Policy Review Committee met on April 4 to consider refinement to the negotiating guidelines for the Micronesia status talks which you had approved last May. The principles are self-explanatory. They are designed to protect our essential defense and security interests for at least 15 years. While under this approach the Micronesians will acquire responsibility for managing their foreign affairs, they will be obliged to consult with you on any decisions which impinge on our defense and security interests, and will be required to refrain from actions which would be in our judgment incompatible with those interests and responsibilities. The Micronesians will secure the right to unilaterally terminate the free association agreement, but even if they exercise this right, U.S. defense authority and responsibilities will continue through the full 15 year term. In that event, moreover, we will be relieved of the obligation of providing financial payments at the originally negotiated level.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the attached PD. There is some urgency to this matter since negotiations are scheduled to commence Friday, April 7.

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5/18/00 NSC  
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