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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

. July 6, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

MICHARI ARMACOST MA

SUBJECT:

Miscronesian Status Negotiations

Harold Brown has written you requesting that Peter Rosenblatt, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, be instructed to negotiate with the Micronesian's potential claims arising out of U.S. nuclear testing and related activities in the Islands. The negotiating guidelines contained in PD/NSC-11 (May 5, 1977), as amended by PD/NSC-34, provided Rosenblatt with no such authority.

It should be considered by IAG.

This request is procedurally odd. It comes from but one member of the Interagency Group on Micronesia (IAG), without having been considered by the IAG. Indeed, Matt Nimetz, the Chairman of the IAG, was not informed in advance of DOD's intent to raise this issue with us. The proposal to ask Rosenblatt to negotiate this issue is also premature insofar as we do not have a policy position on the question as yet.

Substantively, I have no strong objections to seeking some resolution of the claims issues in the context of the status talks. Procedurally, I believe you should request a recommendation on this matter from the Interagency Group on Micronesia before contemplating adjustments in the negotiating instructions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Matt Nimetz requesting that the Interagency Group on Micronesia provide you with a considered recommendation on Harold Brown's request by July 25.

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