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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION  
February 11, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
FROM: MIKE ARMACOST *MA*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to the Micronesians

Ambassador Manhard has proposed several steps to buy time with the Micronesians while we complete our PRM on Micronesia. These include sending a U. S. representative to Micronesia in the next two weeks (ie, before the Congress of Micronesia formally recesses on February 28) to carry a letter from the President, Vice President or Secretary of State indicating our interest in bringing the status negotiations to a successful conclusion, and notifying them that we would hope to meet with their representatives in Washington some time this spring to discuss next steps in the negotiations. Manhard has informally circulated his memo and draft letter to interested agencies, but it has not been cleared. While there was some general support for these initiatives in an inter-agency meeting on Wednesday, State and Defense both appear to be developing second thoughts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached request for views from interested agencies concerning Manhard's recommendations and the draft letter (Tab A).

*Request by  
Sen. Barrow*

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

SUBJECT: Initiatives to Buy Time on Micronesia Negotiations

Ambassador Philip Manhard, Acting U.S. Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, has proposed several steps (see attachment) designed to buy time with the Micronesians while we complete our own review of Micronesian status negotiation strategy. I would appreciate your views on these recommendations by Wednesday, February 16, including any proposed changes in the draft letter to Micronesian leaders and your views as to whether such a letter should be signed by the President, Vice President, or Secretary of State.

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