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MEMORANDUM FOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*

SUBJECT: Micronesian negotiations

I recently met with Congressman Phil Burton on a number of issues relative to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Chief among his concerns was the status of our negotiations with the three Micronesian entities.

As you know, Burton and Congressmen Clausen and Lagomarsino recently wrote to Ambassador Rosenblatt demanding that the December 10 Hawaii talks be postponed and that no agreements with the Micronesians be initialed prior to the 1980 election. They have threatened to ensure non-approval of the agreements by the Congress if the Administration proceeds with present plans.

It is my understanding that the Micronesian Interagency Group, which establishes negotiating instructions, is now drafting a memorandum requesting our guidance on this issue. I suggest our offices confer when that guidance is requested.

Further, because Burton's opposition to our current negotiating posture is based on, among other things, our position on the continuation of Federal social programs in freely associated states post-trusteeship and because the administration of Micronesia pre-trusteeship is a domestic as well as a foreign policy concern, I request that the Domestic Policy Staff be included on the Micronesia Interagency Group. Jeffrey Farrow, who works on policy for the insular areas, would serve as DPS contact for this purpose.