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MEMORANDUM FOR STU EIZENSTAT

FROM: JEFFREY FARROW

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SUBJECT: Call to Burton on Micronesian negotiations

This afternoon the President authorized revisions in the Micronesia status talks negotiating instructions. Since the primary impetus for revising the instructions were the objections raised by Phil Burton and Burton is now in Hawaii (where the talks are to begin this weekend), it is important that we communicate the President's decisions to Phil. If he is not satisfied with our actions, we should be aware of that prior to the opening of the talks. I suggest a call from you at the earliest possible time. If you do not wish to make the call, then Jim Joseph or I should.

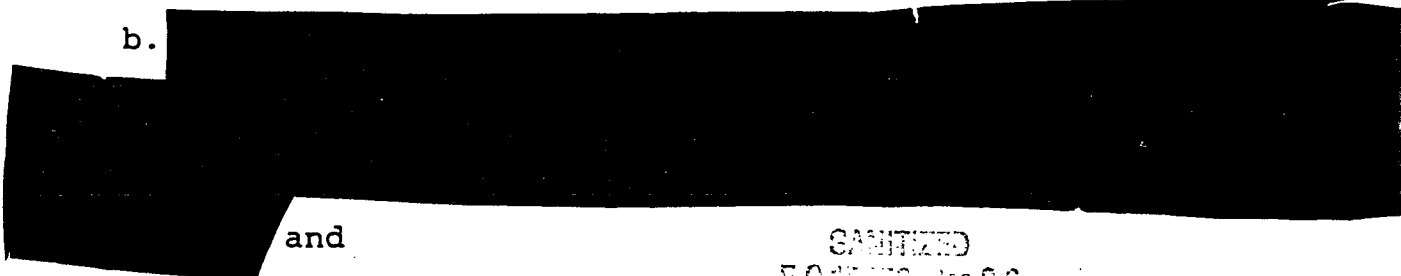
Talking Points

1. The Administration has been seriously considering the concerns you and Congressmen Clausen and Lagomarsino expressed regarding the Micronesian status talks in your letter of November 1 and during your meeting December 11. Because the issues involved Presidential negotiating instructions to Ambassador Rosenblatt, we have taken these issues to the President.

2. I am pleased to be able to tell you that:

a. The "federal programs containment policy" of November 1978 will be replaced with a new policy which will be worked out with your Committee and the Senate Energy Committee;

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c. Section 224 of the draft Compact will be revised to express the USG's agreement to consider requests by the Micronesian governments for extension of federal health and educational programs under free association. We would expect to work with your Committee on this as well.

3. Regarding the question of initialing the draft Compact during next week's negotiating round, the Legal Adviser of the State Department has determined that it would indicate nothing more than the satisfaction of the negotiators with the language; it would not commit either the governments of the Micronesian entities or our government. Let me read you the brief memorandum of law on the subject that I have received. (attached)

4. Finally, the Administration hopes that the House of Representatives will agree to the inclusion of one majority and one minority representative in the U.S. delegation. A similar invitation is being extended to the Senate.

5. Ambassador Rosenblatt has advised me that you have asked to see him in Honolulu on January 5 prior to his reaching Kona (the site of the talks). He will, of course, be happy to answer any questions you may have.

6. Let me close Phil by thanking you for bringing these issues to my attention. I hope that we are meeting your concerns and

that we can continue to do so by working together. The President recognizes your knowledge of and leadership on these issues related to the off-shore areas and we appreciate your counsel.

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