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MEMORANDUM FOR JIM BERG

FROM: Peter R. Rosenblatt

Carl McCall met with Burton, Clausen, Lagomarsino and staff this afternoon. The meeting continued with Pat Krause and Tom Dunmire.

Carl said that the decibel level was much lower this time and that Burton had only two complaints:

1. I was pushing the Micronesians too hard even though I was adhering to our agreement with him not to have a signing prior to election day. According to Burton I should lay off the Micronesians altogether and let them take their time.

2. He is concerned about what federal programs we intend to continue.

Carl was not acquainted with the Compact provision which calls for the continuation of health and education programs alone and therefore did not know exactly what Burton was referring to. Since Burton probably wasn't either, conversation on this topic must have been fairly vague.

In any event, after the meeting with Burton Carl met with the staff. He commented that we all seemed to be so close together and that he didn't understand just what the problem was, could they be more specific as to just what concerned them? Of course, they were unable to do so, so Carl suggested that they call MSN staff and discuss their concerns with us. He was sure that we could work things out if we would just discuss them more specifically. They (and this was apparently mostly Tom Dunmire) claimed that they had tried but it really didn't work though they would be willing to try again.

Carl asked whether we would like to try again and I said that we would, of course, always be willing to meet with the Burton staff but that past experience indicated that it was quite hopeless and precisely because they were unable to articulate their real concerns. I pointed out that the real problem is that Burton doesn't like the whole shape of our agreement and wants to be able to get it completely reconstructed under a new Administration. Therefore I opined that the objections advanced by Burton and his associates are largely cover for a fundamental objection which they would find it difficult to articulate openly.

In any event, I agreed that you would call Krause/Dunmire to try to set up an appointment at the staff level on Monday afternoon, May 5, which Carl himself, as our friendly mediator, would seek to participate in. Although I have very little confidence that such a meeting could produce anything, I believe that we have a responsibility to try anything we can to solidify our fragile truce with Burton.



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