



THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROZANNE RIDGWAY

FROM: Peter R. Rosenblatt

SUBJECT: Denial Proposal - Timing

It is impossible to contemplate any initialing of the Compact with the FSM or Palau absent full resolution of the denial issue. Moreover, as you know, the Marshallese are in a high state of agitation over this issue. Accordingly, the timing of the lawyers' committee report is a matter of critical importance if we are to get a memo to the PRC in late July-early August, as we decided last week.

If consideration of which issue were to follow the customary leisurely pace of interagency procedure; lawyers' committee consideration, draft proposals circulated among the agencies, redrafts, etc., we could not contemplate getting through this before late August. I am therefore recommending an acceleration schedule for IAG/PRC consideration and decision of the issue.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
July 23	Lawyers' committee completes work and submits analysis to IAG chairman and OMSN. Chairman IAG and OMSN formulate recommended policy decisions on issues presented by lawyers' committee.
July 25	Draft PRC memo from Chairman IAG circulated to agencies.
August 1	Agency responses or IAG meeting if necessary.
August 5	Final memo forwarded from IAG to PRC.
August 12	PRC decision on IAG recommendations.

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If we are able to adhere to this kind of schedule we will be in a position to commence negotiation of denial Compact language with the Micronesian lawyers in time to have come to ad referendum agreement on the language in advance of a prospective early September negotiating round. A delay extending much beyond August 12 could well jeopardize the prospects for holding the early September negotiating round. I believe it is essential that we be in a position to hold the round in early September if we are to be able to sign the subsidiary agreements shortly thereafter and commence scheduling the U.N.-observed plebiscite to be held in January.

In light of the foregoing it would be enormously helpful if Russ Surber were to support the calls which my staff and I have made to the members of the lawyers' committee, Herman Marcuse of DOJ, Mike Cifrino of DOD and Ralph Martin of State/L to emphasize the priority character of this project and the need to adhere to the above schedules.

Because the PRC's role in this is so vital I am taking the liberty of addressing a copy of this memorandum to Don Gregg.

(Signed) Peter R. Rosenblatt

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✓ Jeff Farrow, DPS