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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

To: Ambassador Rosenblatt  
From: Richard W. Teare *RWT*  
Subject: Memorandum for the Record: Conversation  
with Under Secretary Joseph, July 31, 1980

When I called Mr. Joseph at your direction on July 31 to relay your view that a meeting of the two of you with Wallace Green was still desirable, despite the bilateral meeting Green has proposed with you for August 5, and that the suggestion for same would best come from Mr. Joseph himself, Mr. Joseph said he had already talked to Green about the matter and understood further that Green had invited OMSN to a meeting, with Energy, on July 30 at which we had not appeared.

I told Mr. Joseph that the only meeting on July 30 of which I was aware was an Interior/Energy meeting to develop plans and a document for presentation to the representatives of the various Marshallese atolls at the August 4 meeting on radiation exposure and the comprehensive medical-care plan. I said we had been unable to send anyone to that meeting because of the press of other business and that, had we gone, it would have been only in an observer capacity. I added that I was certain the July 30 meeting did not relate to the wide range of TIA matters you wished to discuss with him and Green.

On hearing that, Mr. Joseph retracted somewhat and absorbed the rest of my message about your continuing interest in a tripartite meeting with him and Green, whether or not your August 5 bilateral with Green actually takes place. I said I assumed we would hear directly or indirectly if the August 5 meeting were superseded. He agreed.

On checking further with Al Short, I find that we knew of the July 30 Interior/Energy meeting on the medical-care plan only because Al called John De Young that morning to find out how things were going. When thus asked, De Young told Al of the Interior/Energy meeting

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that afternoon (our first knowledge of it) and belatedly invited OMSN representation. Al indicated at the time that he doubted OMSN would be able to send anyone.