



THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

August 29, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR WALLACE O. GREEN

Subject TPI Political Education Program

During a meeting with Jim Stovall, counsel for the FSM, held at OMSN last Wednesday, August 27, Stovall asked us about a proposal which the High Commissioner had delivered to the FSM Government as a basis for discussion at a meeting on political education with the Micronesian governments. I understand this meeting will be held on Saipan during the week of August 31. I had to tell Stovall that I knew nothing about any such proposal.

A subsequent check disclosed that Jim Berg of my staff had received from your office copies of letters to you from the High Commissioner on this subject dated, respectively, August 7, July 14 and July 2, a day or two prior to the meeting with Stovall. The July 2 letter forwarded a copy of a "Draft Political Education Program Outline" dated June 18, 1980. When Stovall showed us today a copy of the document to which he had referred on Wednesday, it turned out to be the first two pages of the July 2 enclosure. The document also addresses conduct of the plebiscite on the Compact of Free Association.

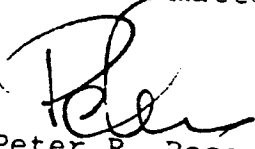
I know you will agree that any proposal from the USG or the TTG to the Micronesian governments on this very sensitive subject is grounded upon provisions of the Compact which OMSN has negotiated and is still negotiating with those governments. The subject of the plebiscite and activities related to it is directly connected with the on-going negotiating process and therefore of absolutely vital concern to OMSN.

The failure of the High Commissioner to copy OMSN on any of these letters and to consult with us before initiating action with the Micronesians is unfortunately consistent with past practice, of which TIA is aware. The High Commissioner's omission and TIA's failure to alert OMSN to the receipt of these proposals has resulted in the High Commissioner's making a proposal to the Micronesian governments without having received a considered interagency response to his July letters to TIA. I should note that we are not entirely satisfied with the July 2 draft. TIA and the TTC must take immediate steps to coordinate this process with OMSN as well as with EA/PIA at State.

This represents a further consequence of the present state of non-coordination among the various agencies on matters affecting transition. You may recall that I first coupled my concern over this subject with a suggestion for an IAC subgroup on transition to be chaired by you at our August 5 meeting. The need for this or a similar interagency coordinating device now appears self-evident, as are the mounting consequences of our failure to address the problem. The need exists not only as between the third and fourth floors of the Interior Building but among the other agencies involved in transition as well.

Accordingly, I most earnestly urge that you:

1. Appoint a member of your staff to coordinate with my Deputy, Dick Teare, the formulation of appropriate instructions to the High Commissioner on political education and the conduct of the plebiscite. Dick will undertake to bring the State Department into the process.
2. Advise me of your views on the broader issue of interagency coordination on transition matters at your earliest possible convenience.


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Ambassador

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