



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

September 17, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR WALLACE O. GREEN

Subject: Your Memorandum of September 10, 1980, The
Political Education Program and Plebiscite

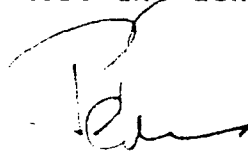
I appreciate your taking the time carefully to research the chain of events surrounding receipt, distribution and response (or lack thereof) to the High Commissioner's several mailings on the subject of the political education program and the political status plebiscite. I do not quarrel with your recitation of events, or your memorandum itself, save on two particulars:

-- First, although the TTG document in question was clearly marked "FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY," we all know that any paper laid before Micronesian Government representatives by the High Commissioner, or any other USG official, takes on a life of its own (viz. "Second Level CIP"). Jim Stovall told us, frankly, that the FSM officials who had received this document were indignant that it had been put forth without their foreknowledge. Whether or not the indignation was justified, that was their reaction.

-- Second, I do think Adrian had a right to expect a fully coordinated response from Washington sooner than is why I expressed such concern for timing in my August 29, 1980, memorandum.

I sincerely hope that, after an unfortunate start here in Washington, the subjects addressed in Adrian's correspondence can now be dealt with in the proper coordinated way and on a timely basis. At the risk of repeating myself, I have two suggestions for your consideration. First, an interagency working group on transition under your chairmanship would be an excellent forum in which to develop consolidated positions to assist Adrian in his efforts. Second, I hope you and such of your associates as you believe appropriate will join me at our forthcoming negotiations, and that you will join me in urging Adrian to do so, particularly the multilateral round (at Kona, Hawaii, from September 29 to October 4). I feel certain that the political education/plebiscite matter, as well as other transition subjects, will be raised by one or more of the Micronesian parties.

Please let us know your reaction to these suggestions and, because I won't see him here in Washington, pass on to Adrian my best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter R. Rosenblatt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter R. Rosenblatt
Ambassador

bcc: Jeffrey Farrow, DPS
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Memorandum

To: Ambassador Peter R. Rosenblatt
Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations

From: Assistant Secretary Designate
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Subject: Your memorandum of August 29, 1980.

In your memo of August 29, 1980, you expressed your views upon learning that Mr. Stovall, counsel for the Federated States of Micronesia, had possession of papers from the High Commissioner's office regarding a proposed political education program. As has been made clear to all Federal officials who have access to the discussion papers, these papers are merely discussion papers. They have not been presented to leaders of the Micronesian entities as "proposals", and they can be called proposals only in the sense that they have been proposed by the Trust Territory Government staff for review by Federal officials.

I regret that my office was not able to address the question of the political education program's format earlier in the summer, but that point seems not to be germane to your memo.

Your assertion that proposals have been made to the Micronesian leadership before being discussed with concerned Federal officials is not accurate. First, proposals have not been made. Second, agency comments have been solicited. Copies of all of the correspondence from the High Commissioner's office on this subject were provided to Jim Berg of your office and Mr. Guthrie of EA/PIA at State on August 21, 1980, a week before your meeting with Mr. Stovall. On August 26, copies were sent to Mr. Lee of IO/UNP at State; on Wednesday, August 27, I met with Ambassador McCall and discussed political education at length, and on September 2, I sent Ambassador McCall copies of the discussion papers that had been given to your office two weeks earlier. Of course, an information copy of the most important communication on the subject, the High Commissioner's cable dated August 7, 1980, was received in your office August 11, 1980.

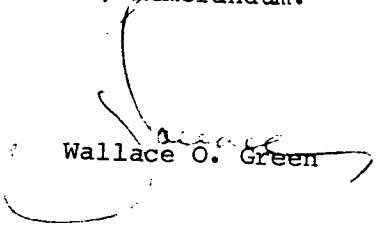
How Mr. Stovall received similar papers we do not know; it is certain, however, that his papers cannot be construed as official proposals.

I understand fully the frustrations that result when, as a result of summer vacation schedules, it sometimes appears that we cannot be as well informed as we would always wish, and I appreciate the immediate

and thorough attention you gave to the High Commissioner's discussion papers last week. Within three hours of your signing your memorandum of August 29, we read the memo to High Commissioner Winkel over the phone. As we have informed you, the High Commissioner decided to postpone an initial consultation he had planned with Micronesian leaders until he had your memo in hand. He requested that a copy of your memo be sent to him through confidential communications, to lessen the possibility that someone might reach the erroneous conclusion that a specific course of action had already been determined. He and I are equally interested in learning the views of Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Lee, or Ambassadors Ridgway and McCall and are willing to provide them ample time for the preparation of their comments.

In short, I am fully aware of the interest of OMSN and other agencies in the political education program. I appreciate the extremely helpful guidance you gave us August 29 on this subject, and I welcome any additional comments you have. We will continue to coordinate U.S. Government instructions to the High Commissioner from my office and we will continue to bring your office and the State Department into the process. I am distributing copies of this memo to all concerned offices as a step in that direction.

On other matters you have raised, I will be writing to you soon in response to your August 15, 1980, memorandum.


Wallace O. Green