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SUBJECT: SIG Meeting Summary of Conclusions

Attached is the Summary of Conclusions for the SIG Meeting on Micronesia held on August 6, 1981.

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PARTICIPANTS: See attached list

DATE AND TIME: August 6, 1981, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Department of State, Deputy Secretary's Conference Room

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on Micronesia

SUMMARY

The SIG on Micronesia convened on August 6, Deputy Secretary Clark chairing, to consider final drafts of the Executive Summary to SIGM Number 5, the SIGM, and a proposed NSDD for transmittal to the White House. Under Secretary Buckley reported that the IG had achieved an interagency consensus on the need to alter the Trusteeship Agreement and on the preferred status option, free association. The IG likewise had agreed to support the Compact and subsidiary agreements as the preferred basis for concluding negotiations with the Trust Territory. The one point on which the IG had disagreed concerned the institutional arrangements for managing the future relationship with Micronesia.

Deputy Secretary Clark reported that discussions with Under Secretary Hodel of the Department of Interior had resolved the issue of institutional arrangements. The joint State-Interior recommendation was for a two-tier interagency structure: an interdepartmental policy steering committee chaired by State, with Defense, JCS, Interior, OMB and NSC as regular members and with other departments and agencies participating as subject-matter requires; and an interdepartmental professional staff tailored to the requirements of the new relationship, attached to and headed by State with deputies from Defense and Interior and with additional personnel seconded by these and other departments as needed. The professional staff would in some ways resemble the present interagency negotiating staff (OMSN).

The SIG concurred in the concept of a two-tier institutional structure. OMB noted that housekeeping details including funding remained to be defined. The chair agreed, noting that this was acknowledged in the SIG documents and the proposed NSDD and provision was made for defining the details.

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CONCLUSIONS

The SIG concluded by resolving the one point of difference, on institutional arrangements, inherited from the IG. It was agreed to put forward an NSDD reflecting a policy consensus.

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ACTION ASSIGNMENTS

--The IG was directed to develop specific housekeeping recommendations, including funding, for establishing an institutional structure as approved by the SIG.

--A drafting team was instructed to amend the NSDD and SIG texts as necessary to reflect the SIG agreement. Amended texts will be circulated for final interagency approval before the final NSDD and SIG documents are transmitted to the White House.

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