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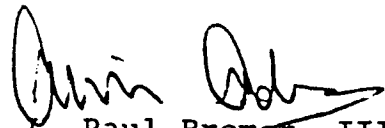
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Micronesia Nuclear Claims: Amendment
to Negotiating Authority

The attached draft NSDD amends NSDD 29 of March 31, 1982, to permit the Chief Status Negotiator to commit up to an additional \$40 million to obtain a negotiated settlement of all Marshallese nuclear claims against the United States. The proposed extension of authority has been approved by OMB, the Office of Micronesia Status Negotiations, Defense, Justice, Interior, Energy and State. A SIG Memorandum with a Legal Appendix is provided as background.

White House approval of the draft NSDD is requested. It will be advantageous if this matter can be handled on a most urgent basis.


E. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

As stated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 40

THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF
MICRONESIA: NUCLEAR CLAIMS

NSDD-29 is amended as follows:

The Chief Status Negotiator is authorized, at his discretion, to commit up to an additional \$40 million to the Government of the Marshall Islands on terms and conditions to be negotiated in the agreement subsidiary to Section 177 of the Compact of Free Association. This agreement must result in the settlement of all claims brought by or on behalf of any citizen or national or the Government of the Marshall Islands against the United States or its contractors arising from the nuclear testing program conducted by the United States between 1946 and 1958.

The Chief Status Negotiator is authorized to commit the amounts herein authorized along the lines of the indicative categories set forth in NSDD 29 of March 31, 1982, in all other regards, shall remain in effect.

Ronald Reagan

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